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MISS EMMA M. STAUFFER
WALES ALASKA

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J. M. SOMERNDIKE

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Wales. Alaska.

Jan 12th, 1939.

Dr. J. M. Somerndike.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. Somerndike;

On looking over my order for Fuel Oil stoves, I find what may seem odd to you but the size of the BEDROOM & SUPPLY ROOM (WHICH IS ONE LARGE ROOM) is 22ft X 20 ft X 9 ft.

And I honestly did forget to tell you that I am in need of Individual Communion glasses, very much, because I am tired of having some old Dame actually gulp down the whole TUMBLER FULL of grape juice when it come to her. Aluminum Trays are quite alright, but I hope we may have the glass cups. I do not know how many are in one Tray but I think it best when we are getting them; to get enough to serve 100 persons, because my population is increasing, and my people are inclined to hold onto their Christian ways. I hope you may arrange so we may have Four Trays; as this number will be convenient when serving Communion. If you will send this I shall be very grateful to you.

Will include in her order

An Airoplane swooped down out of the mist and fog yesterday and brought the Government Traveling Nurse; so she is in Wales, staying at the teachers place; of course the teachers tried to arrange to have her stay with me when they heard she was coming; but it did not suit me to have her, and I said so, so they took her and say no more. She seems very nice, and has gone with me around the town looking after sick folks both yesterday and today. My Pneumonia patients are recovering. We had two deaths recently from other causes. And I tell you it seems I don't have any time to loaf these days.

Our weather is so stormy snow is drifting badly, we have steps cut in the drifts so we can get over them to get around town these times. It stormed so fiercely last night at midnight as I was coming home from seeing sick folks that even if I had met a Bear I could not have seen him at all. I try to keep on the Trail and not get lost in the darkness and storm.

This is our regular weekly Prayer Meeting night, so I must be getting over to the church; one of the Elder's sons came and got the key to start the fire an hour ago so it will be not so cold in church, since we had it heated for a funeral today.

Please remember us here, and the work here in your prayers and thanking you for your kindness, and the Christmas Greeting received some time ago I wish to remain

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Jan.
13th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have just received from Mr. Gould the final statement of the cost of the supplies shipped to our missionaries in Alaska last summer. The total cost of your personal supplies, excluding freight charges, is \$334.88. This will be deducted from your salary payments for the budget year beginning October 1st, 1939, in equal monthly installments - as has been the custom in the past.

We have added the additional personal items with which you are charged to the Schwabacher bill which is herewith returned to you, in accordance with your request.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

BH

Wales. Alaska.

Jan. 14th, 1939.

Rev. John E. Youel;
And Dr. J. M. Somerndike.

Dear friends;

Another report time is here, the first one in 1939, and you will find them all enclosed herewith.

Also the list of the men who have been the Interpreters for the past year. And as I was working on these reports; one of my regular Interpreters came in; in response to a note that I sent to him today; as I wanted to arrange a suitable time for him to go around to each home in the village, with me to get the correct spelling on the peoples Eskimo name before we enter them into our new church Registry. And this man lives away at the north end of town, and I was thinking of just how good of him to come away down here, long after dark, and after a hard days work setting nets for to catch Seals for his family. And to set a net now they have to chop two holes through just four feet of solid ice. He tells me a huge Polar Bear was floated on drift ice passed the edge of our shore ice today, so that means I had best not be out alone after dark, not for some time.

We certainly did have a wonderful time during the Holidays and every one seemed happy; their joy seemed to be full, when I turned on my Radio after the Program at the church, and they heard voices from good old U S A (to me) singing Christmas music just like we had sang here. Some of them were so surprised that they sat there for almost an hour listening to it. and I had to stay close by for the children were around me spread out on the floor, until I could not walk. I am sorry we cannot broad cast our Christmas Programs (of the school; & church) to you all. Maybe some day we can arrange for this too. I will see about it.

The health of the people has been very, very good all winter until January 2nd, since then I have had Pnaumonias and heart cases and so many sick babies (mostly just too cold) that I am at home very little. One baby; and one heart case have died, thus we had funeral services two days in succession this week. And the government nurse arrived too; and is staying for about two weeks, but the people seem to be all improving now. This nurse spends part time at the school and part time with me as to the medical work, and plans to have a Doctor come here later and do some surgical work if she finds enough to warrant his coming, and I think this will be a very great kindness to these people; as usually before ; to get such work done they had to go to Nome; and by the time we got them home they had become dissatisfied to live in a remote section, and would not stay home.

Today I had my usual Bible classes; of girls; and I have just nine little ones who have began to memorize the Shorter Catechism; and they are really doing it to perfection; one girl is a Catholic, but she is here and so bright at it too, but when her mother finds out what she is doing she will likely stop her. Last Sabbath; just at the close of Sabbath School I had the Adult Boys Bible Class; and the Adult Girls Bible Class come up onto the pulpit platform; and recite the memory work in response to question I asked them; and it would have been a treat to you to hear and see them; I give them a gift of a Bible or a new Testament, according to their work. Two of my adult boys have gone this week to be Reindeer Herders until about May the 15th, I miss them, but it is good they have some work, instead of loafing in the village all winter.

Thanking you for your kind help and soliciting your prayers for the work here I remain as ever *Emma M. Stauffer.*

Wales Alaska.

Jan 14th, 1939.

Herein is the list of names of the Interpreters
for the year ending on January 14th, 1939.

1938__January__2nd__service led by an Elder, no Interpreter needed.

"	6	Alfred Mazonna
"	9	Robert Mayo
"	13	Dwight Tevuk
"	16	Alfred Mazonna
"	20	Robert Mayo
"	23	Dwight Tevuk
"	27	" "
"	30	Alfred Mazonna

February	3	Robert Mayo
"	6	Dwight Tevuk
"	10	Robert Mayo
"	13	Alfred Mazonna
"	17	Dwight Tevuk
"	20	Robert Mayo
"	24	Alfred Mazonna
"	27	Dwight Tevuk

March__3__service led by an Elder no Interpreter needed.

"	6	Robert Mayo
"	10	Alfred Mazonna
"	13	Dwight Tevuk
"	17	Robert Mayo
"	20	Alfred Mazonna
"	24	Dwight Tevuk
"	27	Robert Mayo
"	31	Alfred Mazonna

April	3	Willie Senningetuk
"	7	Dwight Tevuk
"	10	Robert Mayo
"	14	Willie Senningetuk
"	17	Dwight Tevuk
"	21	Alfred Mazonna
"	24	Willie Senningetuk
"	28	Dwight Tevuk

May__1st__Willie Senningetuk

"	5	Dwight Tevuk
"	8	service led by an Elder, no Interpreter needed.
"	12	Alfred Mazonna
"	15	Willie Senningetuk
"	19	Dwight Tevuk
"	22	Willie Senningetuk
"	26	Dwight Tevuk
"	29	Willie Senningetuk

June__2__Dwight Tevuk

"	5	Willie Senningetuk
"	9	Dwight Tevuk
"	12	Willie Senningetuk
"	16	Dwight Tevuk
"	19	Service led by an Elder; all Interpreters out of town.
"	23	Alfred Mazonna
"	26	Willie Senningetuk
"	30	Dwight Tevuk

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List of Interpreters for year 1938, con't

July 3 Willie Senningetuk
 " 7 Dwight Tevuk
 " 10 Willie Senningetuk
 " 14 Alfred Mazonna
 " 17 Alfred Mazonna
 " 21 Willie Senningetuk
 " 24 Dwight Tevuk
 " 28 No service held; most every one gone to Reindeer Camp.
 " 31 Alfred Mazonna

Aug. 4 Willie Senningetuk
 " 7 Dwight Tevuk
 " 11 Alfred Mazonna
 " 14 Willie Senningetuk
 " 18 Dwight Tevuk
 " 21 Alfred Mazonna
 " 25 Willie Senningetuk
 " 28 Dwight Tevuk

Sept. 1 Alfred Mazonna
 " 4 Willie Senningetuk
 " 8 Dwight Tevuk
 " 11 Alfred Mazonna
 " 15 Willie Senningetuk for a funeral service
 " 15 Alfred Mazonna
 " 18 Dwight Tevuk
 " 22 Willie Senningetuk
 " 25 Alfred Mazonna
 " 29 Dwight Tevuk

Oct. 2 Willie Senningetuk for special Sunday school lesson.
 " 2 Alfred Mazonna
 " 6 Dwight Tevuk
 " 9 Robert Mayo
 " 13 Louis Tungwenuk
 " 16 Robert Mayo
 " 20 Dwight Tevuk
 " 23 Willie Senningetuk
 " 27 Alfred Mazonna
 " 29 Robert Mayo Preparatory Communion Services.
 " 30 Dwight Tevuk
 " 30 Robert Mayo

Nov. 3 Service led by an Elder, no Interpreter needed.
 " 6 Willie Senningetuk
 " 10 Alfred Mazonna
 " 13 Dwight Tevuk
 " 17 Robert Mayo
 " 20 " "
 " 24 Dwight Tevuk
 " 27 Willie Senningetuk

Dec. 1 Alfred Mazonna
 " 4 Robert Mayo
 " 8 Dwight Tevuk
 " 11 Alfred Mazonna
 " 15 Robert Mayo
 " 18 Dwight Tevuk
 " 22 Service led by an Elder, no Interpreter needed.
 " 25 Alfred Mazonna
 " 29 Robert Mayo

Signed

Emma M. Stauffer

Missionary at Wales, Alaska. Jan. 14th, 1939.

Jan.
17th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have your letter of December 22nd. I have told Mr. Youel that you prefer to remain at your station during 1939 and to refrain from doing anything that would look toward having you come out this year. I am glad for this because as I wired you, our budget is in a very cramped condition and we will not have any money to take care of all who wish to come out this year, nor do I think it is wise for the missionaries in all of our arctic stations to be on a vacation at the same time. Mr. Klerekoper's furlough is due and Miss Bannan's also. They feel that they must come out this year, and it will be all that we can do to look after their work.

It is perfectly proper for you to order the paint for the church, and I shall be very glad to send it with our shipment in 1939. Please indicate how you want it sent - either in five-gallon cans or in smaller cans. I think the five-gallon cans would be the best way to have it sent to you. Please tell us the color that you want and give us the measurements of the building that you want to paint. We will then ask the paint manufacturers to send enough to enable you to put on three coats.

We were much pleased with Mr. Youel's report of his visit, and especially to learn that the work is going forward in such a satisfactory way and that the people are so well satisfied with your ministry among them. I hope that you will find increasing satisfaction as you carry on your work this year and that the Lord will bless you abundantly in all that you do.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Jan.
20th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have your letter of December 30th.
I note that you have ordered the quantity of paint
that you will require for the inside of the church,
and we shall send it up with the other supplies
next summer.

We will send you a check for \$115.90
to reimburse you for the cost of labor in re-roof-
ing the church.

We shall also send you five copies of
the "Westminster Teacher" - which will be sent to
you regularly in the future.

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

Jan.
21st
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have received your letter of December 16th. I want to assure you that we sympathize with you in the difficulties you have experienced in obtaining the cooperation of the public school teachers in the religious work that you are doing and in maintaining the highest standards of social life and activities among the Eskimo children. It seems so unnecessary to encourage the Eskimos in putting on their native dances that I wonder sometimes why some of the government school teachers seem to have so much zeal for it. It accomplishes nothing that contributes in any way to the education of the children; and after all, the business of the school teachers is to give the Eskimo children an elementary education. Of course, the whole situation arises out of the fact that the school teachers probably are not Christian people, and that is exceedingly unfortunate so far as our work is concerned; but it is equally unfortunate that there is nothing we can do about it because school teachers are employed by the government and the government will not include in the qualifications for appointment any questions about the religious inclinations of the candidate for appointment. In many cases Christian women are appointed, and they cooperate very helpfully; and I am glad to say that it is only occasionally that we find teachers appointed who do not seem to work in sympathy and cooperation with the missionary. It makes your situation very difficult, and I want you to realize that we have a very understanding attitude toward you and your work under these circumstances.

I think that you were right in not permitting the church to be used for native dances. That would not do at all. If they have any entertainments of that kind, they must have them in the school house.

I think that the best plan is for you to cultivate the pleasantest relations possible with these school teachers. If you have a clash with them and come into an open conflict, it is going to make a very unhappy situation for you and for the whole work. On the contrary, without yielding any essential principles for which you must stand of course, you can establish pleasant social relations with these people and thus win at least their respect for your point of view and their cooperation with you in the attainment of your objectives. I believe that this is the best course for you to pursue. You do not have to go over to their ways, but so long as they are there in Wales and there is nothing that we can do to change the situation, all the considerations of good sense point to the advisability of keeping your relations with these teachers as happy and pleasant as possible, avoiding any open conflicts unless matters come to an issue where it is necessary for you to step in and assert yourself. I hope, however, that this can be avoided.

Under the circumstances I think it is wise for you not to take your furlough this year or next year, and we will notify Mr. Youel accordingly so that the Presbytery will not elect you as its elder commissioner to the General Assembly this year.

Assuring you that our prayers follow you in all your work and problems, and with best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

JMS:BH

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EMMA STAUFFER.

SUMERNDIKE.

Wales, Alaska.

Feb. 16th, 1939

Dr J.M Somerndike;
Rev. J.E. Youel;

My dear friends;

Well here it is time for reports again; all of which you will find herein enclosed; and which I hope may meet with your approval.

The part of my work that is very little hindered by stormy weather is my various Bible classes; the little ones come when ever they can get to school; which is just next door to my house then when their session of school is done; they come directly to the Manse, where we first hold Bible classes and follow this with an hour more or less (according as to how many callers come after me for something of playing and you would be very happy to see how much help your new room is to these twenty some children.

Then an older group of school boys and girls come to the Manse after their lunch for their Bible lesson (story form) which keeps them until 2 oclock P M then they go from my house to school. And the Junior Boys come to me from school at 3.30 P M, then I still have my Adult Boys class at 7 P M, and it would surprise you to see the interest they take in it. They have been studying Genesis, which we finished; and are at Exodus now; but I hope you realize these folks can not go deep into the Bible like white folks do but they can get the important Characters and activities as we go along and I am most thankful for their continued interest at this work, my boys are more studious than my girls; but the girls excell the boys when it comes to memory work.

Then I hold my Junior Girls; and my Adult girls classes on each Saturday; we have class, and a playtime for each; separately.

And this takes up my time closely on Wednesdays and Saturdays, then I hold Adult Boys Bible class on whatever day it suits their teacher; at the school house ___ thus I keep busy at it all week.

There has been extra work along medical lines because of some of the government medical Crew being here; but as they were called away ere they finished we are likely to have more of this later.

Just last Saturday we succeeded in getting the wire on which to hang the curtains for partitions between the classes for Sabbath School in the church; there having been many complaints of the different classes annoying each other by noise of teaching; so now there seems to be peace and harmony along these lines. And we are very grateful for the suggestion of curtain partitions by Rev Youel on his last visit to us.

We are rejoicing over the fact that Elder Dwight Tevuk has been restored to health and is again able to take his place at teaching in Sabbath School for us.

As for other activities in the village all seems quiet and busy, there are many travelers these days from other places for to get food supplies since in some towns the Stores have become sold out of white mans foods, so the Eskimo will travel many, many miles to get it at enormous prices, rather than use what is available of their native food.

Hoping that you have gotten my telegram sent in reply to yours; hoping you put my answer into effect I remain.

Gratefully yours Emma M. Stauffer.

Valdez, Alaska.

Feb. 16th, 1938.

Names of Inter-operators for the month ending Feb 14th inst.

Jan	15	Alfred Mazonne
"	10	Robert Mayo
"	22	" "
"	26	Alfred Mazonne
"	29	Louis Tungwenuk
Feb	2	Robert Mayo
"	5	Alfred Mazonne
"	9	Dwight Tevuk
"	12	Robert Mayo

James H. Struffer

Wales. Alaska.

Mar. 10, 1930.

Rev. John E. Youel;
Dr. J. M. Somerndike;

Dear friends;

Well; it does seem that this Report time comes oftener than our mail, because I think the last letter I mailed to you is still lying here in our Post_office. But anyway here in you will find the ones for the month ending on Mar 14th; inst. And I do hope they may meet with your approval.

You may think I am overdoing the children's Bible classes but I must hold them when the children cannot play out doors; and I will be very surprised if I can keep them coming as usual until Easter; after which I plan to close down some; and possibly all the children's meetings. Just because it is out of the question to get them to HEED anything in the line of learning when the SUN SHINE is so strong it seems to call the little folks out doors; and if you could see the place they have been harbored in all winter; you would say; get them out doors, let them be free.

On Saturday evenings all of this month; I invited Charles to come and join in with the boys as they are trying to get a piece of music ready for to use in the Easter program we (Mrs Ramsey & I) are getting up for Easter. So this makes it that I have about 10 boys; more or less; here two evenings weekly and they are getting able to sing too. But as soon as Easter is over I shall close down on so many meetings as sun shine is better for children than playing in doors.

The medical work has been very light; except for some colds of which I have had my share along with the Eskimo, but I am thankful no one has been seriously ill. And there is one new baby to add to the infants roll this month too for this month.

The weather has been most stormy for weeks; until lately and when we have a clear day; we almost pray for mail to come; not that we want mail so much; as that our Post_office is half full of mail that should have been gone on its way long, long ago. I do hope we may have mail by some other mode of transportation than Plane next winter. (too much not W P)

Since I began this letter I have been over to the school for the weekly Bible class for the Adult children; and you will notice I have not counted the attendance of this class in on my reports average is 10, all of the room where you told them of III Tim. 2; 15. So I am done with that now for another week.

As far as I know quietness prevails in town, and I myself see no reason for it to be otherwise. We did not hold any Session meeting in Jan. as we had nothing to meet about; but held one in Feb. and settled as to an Easter program, which I am going ahead with; and just to be neighborly I asked the teachers wife if she would care to help; and she seemsto want to, so I sincerely hope all goes well all the way round.

As I have not had any word from either of you for so long I still hope and pray that it is God's will for me to remain at Wales for a year or two more at least. But I never know what the mail is liable to bring to me; neither can any one know what these child like Eskimo are going to do next; they seem very, very kind, and congenial to say the least, so I hope all is well for they and me too.

Faithfully yours.

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.

Mar. 16, 1939.

Names of the Interpreters for the month ending Mar. 15th; 1939.

Feb	16	1939	Alfred	Mazonna
"	19	"	Dwight	Tevuk
"	23	"	Robert	Mayo
"	26	"	Robert	Mayo
Mar	2	"	Dwight	Tevuk
"	5	"	Dwight	Tevuk
"	9	"	Robert	Mayo
"	12	"	Dwight	Tevuk.

Signed Emma M. Stauffer.

E. M. S.

Mar.
23rd
1939

Miss Emma Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

You have undoubtedly heard of the very sudden death of Dr. Somerndike on March 14th. It was a severe shock and his passing has left a deep void both in our work and in our hearts.

Your letter of January 12th is at hand. We have made a note of the size of the bedroom and supply room in connection with your order for fuel oil stoves; and we shall be glad to send you the communion glasses and trays which you desire.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BH UNIT OF ALASKA WORK.

Mar.
28th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

As promised you by Dr. Somerndike
in his letter of January 20th, we are enclosing
herewith our Board's check for \$115.90 to reimburse
you for the cost of labor in re-roofing the church.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BH

UNIT OF ALASKAN WORK.

Wales. Alaska.

April, 17th, 1939.

Dr. J.M. Somernduke.
#156 Fifth. Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. Somernduke;

It is a long time since I have written to you, and in the last mail that came to us I got two letters from you. And now since the plane has taken one of our Eskimo families to be the Representatives of Eskimo life at the New York State Fair, I am going to write you, for the man of the family is the much talked of Robert Mayo, and he and our teacher here seem to be in LEAGUE at trying to get me ousted from Wales. I know this to be the case because when Robert got the offer of this JOB I was in the Post Office and the teacher looked at Robert and said, now Robert that will be great for you, because you will be right there, and can go to the Mission headquarters at #156 5th Avenue, and talk directly to Dr. Somernduke yourself, and Robert looked at me and smiled, I said nothing on the teachers remark.

But I did encourage Robert to take the offer because I wanted him to get out of the village. So he and his whole family are on their way, somewhere. The flying weather has been so bad lately that I doubt if they are out of Alaska yet.

I recieved your directions about future School programs must be held in the school; but I have not made that public; because what they did on Christmas was not an actual Native Dance; but very much like one; and also because were I to make your order known to any folks here, the chances are it would first make an open clash with the teachers, and secondly a brake up in the church, and the teachers would be the very ones that would do their utmost to make a success of it, if I may judge from their other maneuvers. So, as far as I know every thing has quieted down, and is going along very, very smoothly. I must and will maintain peace; and at the same time stick to the ship.

Though even my Elders do not know you want the school programs held in the school; (I must not tell them, I know them and their tricks too well to reveal all my thoughts to them) I called the Senior of them to my place, and we talked over the Easter Program situation and we decided it was best for me to ask the teacher's wife to help with our Easter program, well I did, as she has the small children fairly in her school work, so to make a long story short, she did help, and I went and helped her in getting the songs etc at the school, when she asked me to, so we did have a very, very nice time at Easter, giving the program after our Easter church service at seven P.M. as we did last year.

I was so pleased that our folks (2/3 of the population) remained at home for Easter, but early Monday A.M. they left for a village 35 miles north of Wales for the yearly reindeer convention, and will be gone for almost two weeks; maybe more. So we have a hard time these days to hold service of any kind at all, but we do the best we can at it. But when you get the next months reports you will wonder why so few people, so it is all because of this reindeer convention, which to me must be something on the order of the Indian Secret Dances in the western parts of the U.S.A; for I am sure most of Wales folks know nothing of reindeer work.

As the Lutheran Mission Minister at the place where this reindeer convention is being held usually makes one trip to Teller, and Teller Mission; and sometimes Igloo and Nome each spring I wrote and asked him if he could please come this way (there is another trail inland) and if he could please bring his picture showing apparatus along to show some pictures here for us; I asked him what he would charge; but he never said a word about this in his reply; but I shall take care of this myself if he makes a charge. I want to see his Projector as he says it will operate from a Radio battery which I have and then if it works I wish to get me one to use wherever I go. *yes*

Does the Mission Board have Movie Films that I can get to show here and what size of a Projector do they require or in which they can be shown. Are these Films too large to be sent to me by mail?

I am looking forward to receiving the supplies for the year; and now for me to say what size cans to send the paint in, I am too slow; for you will have shipped the goods long ere this may get out of Wales, so what ever comes I shall try to make the best of it; and be thankful to have it.

The teachers wife came over and visited most all of the afternoon yesterday; since her husband, and so many Eskimo are away, I cannot hold our Song Service as usual on each Sabbath P.M. So she and I put in a good visiting, she broadcasts the weather to Nome several times daily over their own Transmitter; then talks to her husband and I surely get a lot of amusement listening to all the maneuvers of these Amateur Radio Telephone people. So last evening after church service, the Lad who is staying at the teachers while her husband is away came rushing to me to get a Nipple for a baby bottle (as I have them in the government medical things) and said the teachers wife had found a baby SEAL flopping around in the snow outside the school. So lover I went to see it; and sure enough it was a real live seal. Eskimo men say about a month old and we surely are having some fun trying to feed it and keep it alive, it whines too much for me, it has such large pleading eyes; they haunted me in my sleep last night. So I have been over again today; and amongst us we feed it milk, so out of sheer exhaustion it finally laid down and stopped its crying, then I came home.

Well here I am talking away to you of a little of my ordinary days maneuvers and maybe it dont interest you at all. So I shall stop and get busy at some aother mail for I have let my correspondence wait as I have been very busy most all winter as I held so many classes for young folks and children for Bible study. But since so amny are away, and the day light season is here; I have closed down much of my work; and it gives me a time to have for my own duties ere the ship gets here with my supplies.

I have my Protogee back to stay with me these days because a strange man has came to Wales on his way to Siberia; and he acts as if he was not quite right in his head because my Eskimo men got him out of soft slush ice and brought him back to Wales twice yesterday and we are all afraid of him I hope the teacher gets home ere many more days and he will likely get him the shoe or get the government after him because he acts as if he was an ASSCENDER or CONVICT or if he is in his right mind he must be a SPIE from Moscows government. But we get along very well; for the Eskimo say the teachers wife alone in one house; and me alone in another; we must not take this strange white man in to board or sleep; so he stays at the SHOP. The Eskimo are very, very kind and helpful to both we women and I think we will fare quite alright if we are watchful; of the man's maneuvers.

Thanking you for your kindness and soliciting your prayerful support for the work here may I remain.

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales, Alaska.

April 17th, 1939

List of Interpreters who worked during the month of April 14th. '39

March	16	th	Alfred Mazonna
"	19		Dwight Tevuk
"	23		An Elder led the meeting
"	26		Alfred Mazonna
"	30		Dwight Tevuk
April	2		Robert Mayo
"	6		Alfred Mazonna
"	9		Willie Sennangstuk
"	13		Dwight Tevuk

Signed --

Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales. Alaska.

April, 10th, 1939.

Mr. Gene C. Gould.
41204 Amer. Bank Bldg.
Seattle.

Dear Mr. Gould;

A new problem has come to me and honestly I do not know what to do with it or where to get information about it and it is this that the teacher was after me about how I managed my INCOME TAXES. I said well no one had ever asked me for any and I did not know if I was expected to pay such.

So is there any information you can give me as to what amount of income one is allowed to be free of these taxes in Alaska. I shall appreciate your help on helping me to get information about this, for I don't want to get into trouble about it. And as I understand it the teacher has received his papers to fill out for his.

Hoping to hear from you telling me what I should do as soon as you have time to get the information on matter, hence I await your reply at your convenience.

Gratefully yours

Anna M. Stauffer

May
20th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Mr. Gould has referred to me
your letter to him under date of April 19th.

Since your salary from the Board
for the calendar year ending December 31st, 1938,
was less than \$1000 and therefore exempt from tax,
our Treasurer's Office omitted your name from the
report which they make to the Income Tax Bureau.

You are not required to file a
return unless you had a private income which brought
your annual earnings up to \$1000 or more. If your
annual income, however, did not exceed the amount
of your salary - namely, \$900 - you are not obliged
to make any report to the Income Tax Bureau.

I hope that this explanation is
clear to you. If not, I shall be glad to write
you further.

Very sincerely yours,

BH UNIT OF ALASKA WORK.

June
2nd
1939

Miss Emma Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer: ~~WELLESLEY COLLEGE, MASS.~~

I have your letter of April 17th.

Robert Mayo arrived in New York several weeks ago and has been living at Little Neck, Long Island, until the official opening of the Iceland exhibit at the World's Fair. He wrote a letter to the Board, inquiring for Dr. Somerndike and also for Dr. Greist. This letter was delivered to our office by a Rev. Darnell, pastor of the Community Church of Little Neck. We were obliged to inform Mr. Darnell of Dr. Somerndike's death and also that Dr. Greist was no longer associated with our work. We also told Mr. Darnell that should Mr. Mayo desire to report on the work at Wales, I would be glad to confer with him at any time here in the office.

You may be assured of our complete understanding of your situation at Wales, and nothing Mr. Mayo may have to say will affect your continuance in your work. Dr. Somerndike was very much pleased with the progress you are making and also with the reports which have come through Mr. Youel after his visits to Wales. I am sure that Dr. King will not allow himself to be influenced by any report from Robert Mayo.

Now with reference to the films about which you inquired. I find that our Department of Publicity will be very glad to loan you some of their films which are not in immediate demand - which you may keep for several months and then return. These films can be mailed to you at any time. If you will let me know when you have been able to secure the projector (16 m.m. projector necessary for our films), I shall be glad to have the films sent to you.

If you prefer to order the projector through this office, I shall be very glad to attend to the matter for you if you will let me know the exact type you desire that can be operated from a radio battery.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Wales. Alaska.

June, 17th, 1939.

Miss Helen E Wolf.
#156 5Ave.
New York.

Dear Miss Wolf;

It seems I am supposed to send my letters to you regarding mission affairs until some one has been set apart to take Dr Somerndikes place.

I am enclosing a check to the Mission Board for money I have received from the sales of Hymn books; received some time ago to be sold to the Eskimo at 50 cents each. I have sold quite a few, and still have some on hand for future calls. And some time ago; I do not know when or by whom it was started; but my Sabbath School teachers said that they had always been supplied with their hymn books free of charge; well I let them each have a book free of charge; but recently some of them have come and gotten the second book, and I myself am still using the book that was used by the missionary before me, and I came here in 1935

So I think it would be the wisest arrangement; for who ever takes Dr Somerndikes place to send me an order to the effect that all persons should purchase their Hymn-books from now on, this to be a definite order for future days, regardless as to who is here as the missionary.

When they cannot pay cash; I let them give credit for 50 cents on the mission account at the local store; I do this because they are at no expense for the maintenance of the church in any way; and this seems satisfactory to them. But they mostly have cash; as they large orders to Sears Roebuck etc several times yearly.

My check also includes the money I received for ten gallons of Aviation gasoline which I sold to the Pilot of a Plane one day when he did not have enough to get him to the regular supply station; it amounts to \$7.00 and all the other is for Hymn books sold, since I sent the last account in to the mission. Total of check is \$12.50.

It is nice to feel that we are free of disease now and are out of quarantine free to come and go as we please. But we cannot have all our people much longer as the Tin mines are opening up now and several of our families will be going camping and working soon, and others in about a month will be going southward to camp, gathering blueberries etc. Then I shall be very much alone with just two

other white folks in town, with the mountain on one side; sea on the other with many howling dogs in between them, do you picture me in such environment? Sincerely yours Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.

June, 17th; 1939.

Rev John E Youel & Miss Helen E Wolf;

Dear friends—

It has seemed a long time since I have reported anything to you, and you may think it strange that even though I could not hold any meetings of any kind that I did not write you about it all. But my past experience at combating scarlet fever had taught me to write to no one until the time of quarantine was over and everything and place well fumigated and thoroughly cleansed.

I am very sorry that we had two deaths in the village since the 5th of May; but am thankful that all the scarlet fever cases have done so well as to all be about the town as if nothing had happened to them; the men who had it are now out hunting and seem quite alright.

To-morrow if it is the will of our kind heavenly Father; we plan to open Sabbath School as we used to do; and hold our regular services of the day proper. And it will be nice to get back into the regular work.

Some of the men for the tin mines came in by plane this week and that means that soon several families will be leaving town to camp and work at the TIN Mines, for the summer.

I have not given you any definite count of my medical visits to the homes since my last report because the truth is my calls have been too many to count for to put on record. And when the Government nurse came I had to go to every home with her; and I have not kept any count of my trips. And since we put on a quarantine; because of Scarlet Fever; we did not go to any homes unless we were sent for; thus I did not visit; and am not yet doing so, just because there may still be some of the disease in town; but it is useless to try to keep them separate; to prevent the spread of the disease so it is best to hold off on visiting until summer has them all well aired.

Sabbath A M June 18th; Well the regular Crews for walrus hunting left in the late afternoon yesterday and have not gotten back yet; I am not able to say whether or not this was planned ahead of time; but anyway; there is not a Sabbath School teacher left in town; therefore we cannot hold any meetings of any kind; as my Interpreters are all gone too; and the drifting ice-bergs have closed in the outlet of our Bay to the Sea; and it may be that they can not get through the ice to get home; in that case they will go over to the Little Diamede Island, and maybe be gone for several days; if the Sea gets rough; as it often does ere we get rid of these huge ice-bergs.

Possibly the hunting Crews may get home in time for us to have evening services; but as a plane is expected here just any time I am getting this in the mail so you will know that even though we are not able to hold our regular meetings we hope to soon settle back into civilized ways of living as we should do.

May I ask you to remember us in your daily prayers; because these people are still so primitive that they are a problem. But I must say with all their peculiarities they are very nice to work with and I have enjoyed being enabled to work for them, and sincerely hope it may be the will of God to permit me to continue to be His servant amongst them.

I am sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales.Alaska.

June 17th, 1939

List of Interpreters for the month ending May 15th inst.

April 16 Dwight Tevuk

" 20 No meeting held__all Interpreters out of town.

" 23 Alfred Mazonna

" 27 Willie Seningetuk

" 30 Dwight Tevuk

" 30 Willie Senningetuk

May 4 Alfred Mazonna

All the remainder of this month we were all(village) in quarantine because of Scarlet Fever __thus no meetings of any kind were held.

And also from May 14th up to date we have been in quarantine which makes it that there is no report to give you for the month ending on June 14th inst.

Signed

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.

July, II; 1939

Rev. J. E. Youel; and
Miss Blanch Hopp,;

My dear frieands:

All too soon it comes report time again__all of which you will find enclosed.

And I know you will be surprised because since we had to be in quarantine for so long for scarlet fever etc this spring that by the time we were free to get back into civil activities then the spring hunting season was at its height; and several men had gone to work at the Tin mines or on some non resident Prospector's claims until it was almost impossible to get folks to even recognize the Sabbath day. So I called a meeting of our church Session and we decided to not try to hold mid week prayer meetings until the people were more at home; leaving it that we shall open up such services at any week it seems advisable. So I sincerely hope this meets with your approval; and I know you will not like it any more than I did; but it seemed the wisest thing to do, and I dont think I shall open this meeting until after the population gets done traveling up and down the coast after berries as they do every Autumn for weeks. *from about Aug. 1st*

The steamship with my year's supplies was here last Thursday week ago and unloaded my goods and the village Store's goods thus they were all mixed together and I had quite a time getting my small packages sorted out; and the Eskimo were so nice and helpful with it all, that even tho we all had to work all night we all kept at it in a good humor; and were very grateful that the threatening rain was kept off until we had everything under cover by early afternoon the next day.

Then of course we had our usual 4th of July Sports etc. after that then I got two men to help me and we had a most interesting three days work getting our new Oil burning stoves installed and working and I tell you I surely did wish for an energetic white man with a good knowledge of such stoves to happen along; but as none came__I worked at them and finally succeeded so that now I am wondering just how long my works will last; for they are so nice; and clean; it dont seem possible to have this sort of a good thing in this environment indefinitely.

had At 9 o'clock P M ; well here I am at this again after just having seven callers; some for medicine and others just to visit. So I must put in my time in this fashion until time to ring curfew; since one of my Elders is the Mayor of Wales; and he gets into the store of evenings and busy; so he asked me to please ring curfew at 10 o'clock for him, so all summer except when we unload ships or the government medical crew from the C. Guard ship is ashore, I do this for them.

The Reindeer Co. Board held a meeting this afternoon, so I hear now that the men will be leaving for to hunt the Herd in a few days which means another week or more that most every one will be at Reindeer Camp; I usually go for one day too.

But I am busy enough during summer time working for the natives and when they get through a little I want to get at painting the interior of the church. We have the new Heating furnaces in; but on top the floor; for we cannot have cellars in this section; we are too near to sea level. Now I will close and get ready; mail boat is due any time.

Soliciting your prayers I remain

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.

July, 14, 1939.

List of Interpreters for the month just ending on July, 14th inst.

June	18th	Still in quarantine thus no meeting held.
"	22	" " " "
"	25	- Dwight Tevuk
July	2	- Willie Senningetuk
"	5	- Dwight Tevuk (for a funeral service)
"	9	- Willie Senningetuk.

Dear Miss Hopp;

I have always tried to send a list of the names of the Interpreters for the month ending at the time of reports for the church work. Because when Dr Somerndike was living he had written me that I would be allowed \$5.00 per month for to pay the men who did the Interpreting for me.

And at the end of the year; Dec. 31, st I send him (or did) a complete list for the whole year and left it to him to balance the account. Now I do hope that this allowance may still be permitted even though Dr. Somerndike has been called into higher service.

When Rev Youel comes this Autumn I want to talk it over with him and see if we cant begin to have some services in english; since all our younger folks speak english very well.

Thanking you for your kindness and help I remain

Sincerely yours

Anna M. Stauffer

July 17, 1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for your letter of June seventeenth and for the check for \$12.50 which you enclosed, covering \$7 which you received for gasoline which you sold and \$5.50 on account of sales of hymn books.

I feel quite sure that Rev. Everett B. King, D. D., who has been appointed to succeed Dr. Somerndike as Secretary of Sunday School Missions and Alaskan Work, will be very glad upon his arrival in the office to authorize you to sell the hymn books to those desiring them rather than give them free of charge, as they will undoubtedly be much more appreciated if they are paid for and will perhaps receive better care.

We are glad to know that the quarantine has been lifted and we sincerely hope that your work is going forward encouragingly.

I can understand how deserted your village will be while your people are working in the tin mines, but no doubt this gives you a period of time for rest and refreshment to fit you for taking up the work this Fall and winter.

Hoping that you are keeping well and with cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

UNIT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS
AND ALASKAN WORK

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HEW:TTL

1939 - FOODSTUFFS - Miss E. M. Stauffer, Wales, Alaska - PERSONAL

20 tins	4 lbs. each	Morrels, Half Ham ✓
1 case	3-lb. tins	Hormels, Spiced Ham ✓
2 only	9-lb. tins	Morrels, Whole Ham ✓
5 cases	2-lb. tins or larger	Hormels, Cooked $\frac{1}{2}$ Chicken ✓
2 "		Hormels, Whole Chicken ✓
1 only	6-lb. tin	Hormels, Sliced Bacon ✓
3 doz.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. tins	Hormels, Chicken-a-la-King ✓
1 case	#2 tins	Supreme Roast Beef ✓
2 doz.	#2 tins	Supreme Pork ✓
1 case	9-oz. tins	Deckers, Frankfurters ✓
2 only	14-oz. glasses	Derby, Whole Ox Tongue ✓
1 only	14-oz. glass	Derby, Sliced Ox Tongue ✓
2 cases	#1 tin (15 oz. each)	Raths, Pork Sausage ✓
1 doz.	1-lb. tins	Crosse & Blackwells, Beef Stew ✓
1 case	#1 tall	Willapoint, Special Select Oysters ✓
2 doz.	# $\frac{1}{2}$ s flat	Icy Point Salmon ✓
1 doz.	#1	Happy Home, Wet Shrimp ✓
6 only	1-lb. tins	Hormels, Chili Con Carne ✓
3 only	1-lb. tins or jars	Vilamont, Mince meat ✓
1 only	5-lb. loaf	Happy Home, American Cheese ✓
1 only	50-lb. keg	Blue Ribbon, Butter (in brine) ✓
5 only	5-lb. buckets	Lard, pure, hog's ✓
4 only	16-oz. tins	Happy Home, Cider Vinegar ✓
2 only	1-lb. pkts.	Arm & Hammer, Soda ✓
2 only	5-lb. tins	Royal, Baking Powder ✓
1 only	half box	Magic Yeast ✓
1 only	4-oz. tin	Black Pepper ✓
10 only	2-lb. pkts.	Happy Home, Table Salt, Iodized ✓
4 only	4-oz. tins	Cinnamon (spice) ✓
4 only	4-oz. tins	Nutmeg ✓
4 only	8-oz. bottles	Certo ✓
1 only	18-lb. box	Cresmona, Soda Crackers (plain) ✓
2 only	25-lb. boxes	Pilot Bread ✓
1 only	10-lb. box	Oyster Crackers ✓
1 only	15-lb. box	Assorted Cakes (plain) ✓
5 only	2-lb. ctns.	Happy Home, Rice - white, long grain ✓
5 lbs.	in cell. bags	Mission, Macaroni ✓
100 lbs.		Granulated Sugar - white - Cane brand ✓
400 lbs.		Pillsbury, White Flour ✓
100 lbs.		Hammonds, White Flour ✓
1 only	bale - 10/9s	Dennets, Whole-wheat Flour ✓
10 lbs.		Red Kidney Beans ✓
10 lbs.		Navy Beans - small, white (old-fashioned soup bean)
5 lbs.		Baby Lima Beans - Calif. ✓
25 lbs.	in one box	Dried Peaches - Muir ✓
25 lbs.	" " "	Dried Apples - Wash. - extra choice ✓
5 lbs.		Dried Prunes - Happy Home - fancy - Italian ✓
5 lbs.		Dried Apricots - Happy Home - fancy ✓
30 lbs.	bulk	Dried Raisins - Happy Home - seeded ✓
1 case	#1 tins	Sliced Peaches - yellow, cling ✓
1 case	#3 tins	Applesauce ✓

1 case	#2 tins	Sour Cherries, red - class A ✓
1 case	#2 tins	Blackberries - class A ✓
1 case	#2 tins	Snookums, Applebutter ✓
1 case	#2 tins	Pears ✓
1 case	#2½ tins	Happy Home, Corn on the cob ✓
1 case	#2 tins	Yellow String Beans ✓
1 case	1-lb. tins	Pork & Beans ✓
1 case	#2 tins	Sweet Potatoes - whole, new ✓
1 case	#2 tins	Irish Potatoes - white, whole, new ✓
1 case	#1 tins	Tomatoes ✓
4 doz.	10-oz. tins	Peas - tender, sweet ✓
3 doz.	8-oz. tins	Spinach ✓
1 doz.	#2 tins	Cabbage ✓
1 only	Assortment #3	Campbells Soups ✓
1 case	9½ oz. tins	Orange Juice - pure ✓
1 case	9½ oz. tins	Lemon Juice - pure ✓
1 case		Carnation Milk (evaporated)
1 case	2½ lb. tins	Darigold Powdered Milk - whole ✓
2 doz.	1-lb. tins	Klim ✓
2 lbs.		Gold Shield Tea, Japan - green, natural leaf
2 lbs.	½ lb. pkgs.	Rajah Ceylon Tea ✓
2 lbs.	1-lb. tins	Gold Shield Coffee ✓
1 lb.	1-lb. tin	Maxwell House Coffee ✓
1 only	16-oz. bottle	Vanilla Flavoring Extract - Gold Shield
1 doz.	#2 tins	Quince Jelly ✓
1 doz.	#2 tins	Blackberry Jelly ✓
1 only	#10 tin	Red Currant Jelly ✓
10 lbs.		Mixed Nuts ✓
65 lbs.		Peanuts, ROASTED IN THEIR SHELLS, #1 grade, Va
50 lbs.		Candy Jelly Beans - Jumbo ✓
5 lbs.		Candy - Satin Mix ✓
25 lbs.	10-oz. tins	Popcorn - "Jolly Time" ✓

1939 - PERISHABLES - Miss E. M. Stauffer, Wales, Alaska - PERSONAL

1 case	Eggs - processed ✓
1 crate	Potatoes - white, Irish ✓
15 lbs.	Onions - red, Australian ✓
1 crate	Apples - "Delicious" ✓
$\frac{1}{2}$ crate	Oranges ✓

1939 - MISCELLANEOUS - Miss E. M. Stauffer, Wales, Alaska - PERSONAL

1000	size 8	Otter Kraft, Paper Bags ✓
1 case	13-oz. size	Crystal White, Laundry Soap ✓
45 cakes		Lux, Toilet Soap ✓
5 balls	(inexpensive)	Twine - bright color for tying Xmas. pkges. ✓
2 books	(250 in book)	Envelopes - Challenge XX - white - 6 3/4 inch
5 doz. pairs		Gloves - men's size - cotton ✓
3 doz. pairs		" - boys' size - cotton ✓

1989 - HARDWARE, PAINT, ETC. - Wales, Alaska - MISSION

4 only		Brooms - regular household type & size
3 doz.	Serial #41	Mantles for gasoline lamps
3 doz.	" #R 55	Generators - roto-type ✓
2 only	" #130	Lamps - Coleman, gasoline (complete) ✓
3 doz.	" #118 B 136	Gaskets - for Coleman lamp #130 ✓
6 only		Wicks for kerosene oil lamp #1 ✓
6 only		" " " " " #2 ✓
1 only		Burner " " " " " #1 ✓
1 only		" " " " " #2 ✓
3 only		Globes " " " " " #1 ✓
3 only		" " " " " #2 ✓
3 only		" " " " " lantern #2 D lite ✓
24 only	(pkgs. of 6 boxes each)	Matches ✓
1 only	Schwabacher #8224	Wash Tub ✓
1 only		" " (just a bit smaller to set into above) ✓
1 only		Tea Kettle - size 6 qts. - nickle-plated ✓
1 only	#9 H	Griddle for flapjacks - round handle ✓
1 only		Stove-pipe cap (heavy galv. iron for 6" pipe) ✓
3 only		Elbows for stove-pipe - heavy 26 gauge galv. 6" pipe ✓
20 only		Stove-pipe joints - heavy 26 gauge galv. iron ✓
6 only		Dampers to fit into 6" stove-pipe ✓
6 only		Nesco Cylinders - for 6" stove-pipe ✓
6 only		Paint Brushes - 4" width ✓
2 only	#02210	Door-holders - with long slim bolts for door 2" thick ✓
1 doz.		Ever-ready Flashlight Batteries ✓
6 only		Flashlight Bulbs for 3-cell flashlight ✓
1 only		* Fuel Oil Cooking Stove - to heat room 28 ft. x 22 ft. x 9 ft. - with large oil tank attached and place to put coil of hot water tank into firebox. Water coil is one inch pipe. Just one line goes into stove and length of firebox, making one turn and coming out of stove about 4" above where it went in. ✓
1 only		* Fuel Oil Stove - to heat room 22 ft. x 20 ft. x 9 ft. - with oil tank attached ✓
1 only		* Fuel Oil Stove - to heat room 30 ft. x 18 ft. x 10 ft. with oil tank attached ✓
1 only		* Fuel Oil Stove - to heat church: 42 ft. x 38 ft. x 14 ft. - with oil tank attached. This should be a stove large enough to heat a room twice the size of the dimensions given in view of the difficulty of heating the church. ✓

* These stoves to have stove-pipes suitable to fit into any 6" pipe. ✓

Enough paint to give three coats to interior of church, dimensions of which are as follows:-

Auditorium - 42 ft. long
38 ft. wide
14 ft. high (deduct for 8 windows size $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 ft.)

Hallway - 38 ft. long
14 ft. wide
14 ft. high (deduct for 4 windows size $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 ft.)

Paint for side walls and ceiling #342 Cream as in Schwabachers HDW Catalog #19
" " doors and around windows #72 Silver Gray " " "
" " wainscoting 5 ft. up
side wall all around
interior of church

Enough Walnut Stain and Varnish for three large chairs and tall Pulpit Stand.

2 Brushes - small size to apply above.

1939 - GASOLINE, OIL, ETC. - Wales, Alaska - MISSION

2 cases	Kerosene Oil ✓
4 cases	Aviation Gasoline ✓
10 gals.	Linseed Oil ✓
40 drums	Fuel Oil - Standard Grade 34 plus (in 50 gal. drums) ✓
1 qt.	Wood Alcohol (for lighting lamps in church) ✓

1939 - MISCELLANEOUS - Wales, Alaska - MISSION

100 glass Communion Glasses ✓

4 only Aluminum Trays ✓

Aug.
29th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

We were glad to learn from your letter of July 11th that your supplies were delivered safely (though not too conveniently); also that the stoves have been set up and put to use. I trust that they were of the proper sizes to meet your needs.

Realizing the need for an interpreter in the effective conduct of your work, we included in the new budget which is effective October 1st, the continuance of the item of \$60 per year for this purpose. This allowance of \$5 per month will therefore be continued for the year to come.

I thought you might be interested to know I had a chat with Robert Mayo at the World's Fair a few weeks ago. He is not vicious-minded or condemnatory with regard to your work. When I invited his criticisms he did not seem able to find any particular ground on which to base complaint. I advised him to try to work a little more cooperatively with you upon his return to Wales, and I think you will find him more reasonable. At least he led me to believe he would cooperate to the best of his ability. I do not think we should take these natives too seriously.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I

am

Cordially yours,

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UNIT OF ALASKA WORK.

Wales. Alaska.

Sept. 5th, 1939.

Dr. Everett B. King
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Taking it for granted that you have long ago assumed the responsibilities of the work left to you by our departed friend Dr. Somerndike; I am now writing to you for the first and as is my custom send this along with the monthly reports from my place of work which is the Thornton Memorial church at Wales Alaska.

We are very few in town these days because so many of the Eskimo go away for the whole summer for work at this place or that place; and some don't get work at all; but they are away from here which makes it so that we have difficulty in having enough to hold any mid-week prayer service. So after considering the situation from all sides; I called a meeting of our Session; and we decided to not try to hold such service during the summer months at all. But I told them while I would agree to this; that they must do their very best to try to be on hand for all services on Sabbath, and I do think they are doing so. But I know that now again it is the season for the government ships with our school supplies to be taken care of just what ever day it reaches here that the waters are calm enough to unload the cargo; if it is on Sunday; the Eskimo are obliged to work anyway. Such happenings often make it so that we cannot hold any Sunday services. So please don't think we are heathens; but we do what is our lot to do; just as we can.

The medical work has been very light as compared to in former months of this year; but I hope they all keep well; as it is a trying season for little folks to begin to wear heavy clothes; when we are still enjoying the daylight season which with its cold and frequent rains often gives me many sick folks to look after.

Likely you have learned that we have been given all Fuel Oil stoves this summer; thus involving on me the task of installing such; and I don't think it wise for me to relate the trials that have been my lot hereby this summer; as I never even saw such a stove or heater and to not have any one in town who did; causes me to make a long story short and say that it now looks as if we would be able to manage them. But I want to say that I do hope Mr Gould has sent to me the order which I sent to him some weeks ago (for 20-50 gal drums fuel oil) because in my own inexperience at regulating these stoves we used up quite too much fuel; but hope to receive the last order so there will be sufficient for the whole winter season; and if I have too much it will be alright for next year.

Now I just mention here a matter that I think it would be well for you to notice; which is by me before mentioned to Rev. Ypuel in a letter to him. And this is the question of a new Manse here, for another year. The shortness of the Flues in this one has given me plenty of all kinds of trouble. And I am certain that I cannot use any oil-burning stove at all (because of the flue) even this winter in the room at the Manse

#2 sheet for Dr King.

where we have to hold our Primary Department of Sunday School; but as I have some little supply of old wood on hand I have kept one of my old stoves to use in that room this winter; and thus I will somehow manage to get along for this winter.

The chief difficulty so far with these oil stoves and the flues has been that my house is so lowly situated that I am not having enough draft for fuel oil burning stoves. I have begged for enough stove pipes from the teacher here to extend my kitchen and bed room flues above the roof of my house until it looks now as if I would be able to get along for this winter. But I have been smoked out good and proper by these short flues; before I knew wherein my difficulties lay; then only the kindness of our teacher made it possible to get material to remedy the matter.

I myself am not anxious to get out of this little old house; because it is the first school house that Wales got and it was put up by the two men whom Dr Sheldon Jackson brot here; and was the place in which my oldest Elder of my church first began to attend school as a little boy. So as there are very good heavy timbers in the base of this house, I think size about 3 or 4 " by 10 or 12 ", and I dont know how long they are but there are many of them as they run cross wise of the building I do think it would be best to wreck this old house and get some new lumber and add to it; reconstruct it; using the greaer part of these old timbers etc to put the base under a place; to name it we say ware house; attached to the new Manse in which I can place my gasoline, drums of stove oil (which are most all standing out doors now as they are too heavy to store in the church; and I can only get a very few into my old coalhouse at the manse; the rof of which is done and it leaks badly, and the shingle roof of the mainpart of the Manse has been leaking some for a year or two.

I want to talk matters over with Rev Youel when he comes this autumn; but to me it seems as if I should move into the supply room at the church next spring or put my Manse things in there and rent a tent to live in myself and get men busy and be ready to build the new Manse; that is if you Mission folks agree to it; next summer when you send the material etc on the first ship; that brings our usual supplies. I do not want you to leave this old house for others neither should you sell it but use it along in the construction of a ware house for a place to put things at the new manse.

Th government teachers and the reindeer folks have been talking much because my old house is on the government reserve plot of land in Wales; to which I cannot but say; that this old house has been maintained by the mission ever since our Board of National Missions took over the work here in about 1920 and this house belongs to the mission. So please do not sell it to them no how. The reindeer people want to put up a large open shed for drying out reindeer hides etc; on the plot of land that this house stands on is also another reason that I think we had best consider the problem from all vantage points this winter.

Now you will think I am trying to make you do something that you know very little about; and I am not anxious to do this; only that I do know that it will be easier to build a new manse and have some white man that knows what kind of flues to use for oil fuel stoves put ^{them} in it; than for us to try to make some arrangement to use an oil stove in the one part of this old house; and we still would be getting harped at from the reindeer folks and others.

Please think this matter over and by the time Rev Youel gets to Wales I hope to have word from you as to what you deem the wisest move. I wish to remain sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.

Sept. 5th, 1939.

Report of names of Interpreters for the month ending
on Aug. 14, th 1939.

July__16th__Dwight Tevuk.

"__23__" "

"__30__Willie Senningetuk.

Aug__6__Alfred Mazonna

"__13__Dwight Tevuk.

July 5th__Dwight Tevuk__Funeral service.

Signed__*Emma M. Stauffer.*

Wales. Alaska. Sept. 14. 1939.

Names of Interpreters who have served during this month.

August __20__ No meeting held; everybody at Reindeer Camp.
" 27__ Willie Senningetuk
Sept. 3__ Dwight Tevuk
" 10__ Willie Senningetuk

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.

Sept. 13th, 1939.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

As is the usual custom; I am sending you a short letter along with the Report for the month ending Sept. 14th. But there is not much to relate to you because there are so few here in summer that we just barely keep the work going; and we do not try to hold mid-week services. But they do take an interest in and try to be on hand for Sabbath day services, if they are in the village.

Just this A M one of my Elders was in to tell me he and his family along with two others; expect to go camping today. And I know of four other families who are ready also to go as soon as the rough sea calms down for them to get on their way southward.

But during the summer I can get many duties done in the absence of the young folks; that I cannot do in the winter for then I am very busy with many classes for them; as I find it is the best time to get their attention; when it is so cold they can't get outside to play very long at a time.

My medical work has not been very much lately; as there have been very few folks ill, for which we are thankful. But there are several new babies added to our population; but the government has its regular native attendants for this as has long ago been arranged by the traveling government nurse who comes in to Wales yearly; lately; so I do not meddle with these; unless for some unforeseen reason something goes wrong; and I am sent for. But as cold weather comes on; there will be plenty of work for me unless the natives take better care of their children than is usual.

I wish to thank you; for the mission; for these good Oil heaters; and stoves; for they do seem to be working alright now, and of all my experience of getting them to work; I want to say I have enjoyed it; even to getting smoked out of my house; and many attempts at adjusting or adding to the chimneys, and getting the guy wires on; which the Eskimo do not know why I want it thus; but they will have to see the wind take the chimney down first then they can fathom my maneuvers. And many a good laugh I have had when as I had to work day after day at it and I was good and sooty; black hands etc and I kept the men at it till we succeeded with all except the stove in the room where I told you about in your former letter; this is the place I shall use the old heater this winter till I talk to Rev. Youel.

Just a few days ago the 20 drums of oil arrived and now I will learn what to do to manage to get along on what is necessary if the natives don't steal it out of the drums; setting outdoors.

Am looking forward to Rev Youel's visit this Fall with great pleasure; for his coming and we talking things over helps me very much in the work here. So thanking you for all your kindness and soliciting your prayers for we all in this remote section I am

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

Sept.
29th
1939

Miss Emma Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Mr. Gould has just sent me his statement of the cost of supplies shipped to our mission stations in northwestern Alaska this past summer. The supplies which you ordered for your personal use amount to \$389.44. In accordance with the Board's policy, we shall deduct this amount in equal monthly installments from your salary for the budget year beginning October 1st, 1939.

With best wishes for you in your work, I am

Cordially yours,

BH

Wales. Alaska.

Oct-3-1939.

My dear Miss Kapp:

I have just received your kind letter of Aug-29th and appreciate it very much. Especially for the Interpreter allowance; regarding this I beg to say that when I send in at the end of each December, the years statement list of Interpreters, that whatever had not been used of the \$60.00 - shall be deducted from the first-month of the next years salary for me - as often there is much not used.

I have also just had a letter from Rev. Gavel - who will be here sometime this month and I am pleased as I shall talk over many things about our work etc. here.

Also wish to say that I hear from Eskimo here that Robert Mays expects to remain in the States for another year - which is a good thing for most of us.

I had a very pleasant letter from him recently - answered it and told him all the news there was to relate. I miss his wife and children very much in our Sabbath School activities etc and Robert was my A^{#1} Interpreter and I do miss his help very, very much, he has a better command of English than any other Eskimo in our vicinity - he has been so much amongst white people that he is a real misfit in Umanak.

Please excuse this short note as our mail boat is near and I must hurry along - Hope to write Miss Vint by our next mail.

With best regards I remain
Gratefully yours. Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
Oct.7.1939.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

As our summers work seems to all be finished up for this year, I have now checked up on the Mission account at our Store; and find it now tallys with my records also.

And I am sending you the amount due the store up to date. And when you make out the check for the bill of \$132.44. Please make it out to Wales Village Store., and send to me and I will turn it over to the store manager.

I hope this way will be satisfactory to you; as I have done the best I knew how to keep the bill down. And when Dr Somerndike was living; I always sent the amount of bills to him about this time of year; which seemed alright for all parties concerned.

Now it happens sometimes that I am obliged to get a few things and pay for them myself at the time being as I have had to do this year also; and the total amount due me on necessary purchases up to date is \$15.55

Am looking forward to the visit of Rev Youel soon; as he is such a help in consultation about everything. But I am hoping he will not get here for a little while yet for we are having a seige of measels at present; and we cannot have any church services of any kind; partly because of the measels; and partly because many, many of our people went to Teller, Alaska to gather berries, and help with the Autumn butchering of reindeer and for about two weeks now they are ready to come home; but cannot because their children have the measels; and it is too cold for to bring them in the open skin boat 65 miles back to Wales. Our new school teachers cannot begin school; the children are sick that are here mostly; and those not sick, the parents are afraid to let them out in the cold.

And I want to thank you for the good Heaters you sent for the church they surely have warmed the place so far; so well, that even the Eskimo have remarked about the warmth of them. But the weather is not cold yet to what it will be as winter advances daily from now on. Mercury is just 26 above zero all day today with a very strong north east wind to drive in the cold.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving I remain

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

Oct.
11th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Your letters of September 5th and 13th have both arrived during Dr. King's absence from the office on an extended field itineration. I shall bring them to his immediate attention upon his return the latter part of this month.

In the meantime you will be glad to know that the allowance for interpreter service which Dr. Somern-dike granted you - namely, \$60 per year - is to be continued. Will you kindly fill out one of the enclosed expense vouchers each month for the monthly allowance of \$5.00 and submit it along with your salary voucher and report, so that you will be assured of receiving this allowance for interpreter each month?

Dr. King authorized Mr. Youel to make his regular trip to Wales again this year. I would suggest that you ask Mr. Youel to make a thorough inspection of the property situation at Wales and submit his recommendations along with your own to Dr. King, who will then be in a position to make a definite presentation and appeal to the Board for the new manse and other replacements which may be necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

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UNIT OF ALASKA WORK.

Wales. Alaska.

Oct. 31st, 1939.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Have had two letters from Miss Hopp; and now in our mail of last Sabbath received one from you; so it seems necessary to get busy today and get some of the items mentioned in those letters; commented upon; ere the mail comes again tomorrow; which may be the last for a whole month or more if weather is not good.

Firstly regarding your letter of Sept; 29th; this method of managing finances for salary & foodstuffs etc is quite alright with me. I believe my salary was to be \$70.00; out of which 1/12 of the \$389.44, must be deducted, would leave me to receive \$53.96 per month, if I have counted correctly with an odd cent or two to bring up the rear.

And I shall be very glad to talk over all problems with Rev. Youel when he comes and then we shall let you know about other affairs; such as buildings etc here. Had a letter from him not so long ago; and was planning his being here ere this; but of course I know my telegram held him up; but I felt it my duty to not let him be using up several hundred dollars of mission funds and come here only to find; his hands tied; so to speak; and in disgust he would have to get along, and back to his own work, ere we would be in any condition; as far as physical health is concerned, to assemble for any public meetings.

As likely you will know ere this gets to you; that we are having an Epidemic of Measles; the real old fashioned brand; and they have just put whole families down in bed, and I had been going every day to look after seeing if other folks were getting them; and to get them into bed in time; and to get some person of another family to go feed the dogs bring water etc, etc for the sick folks when some families that have been away all summer working moved home with most of their children sick with something that is like a mild form of "Flu". One small child died on the way to Wales; but they brot it home; and we buried it the next day, myself, its father and Uncle, after a little service at the home, took it and went to our far away Cemetery, a lonely Trio we felt we were. But when I got to the Manse after that it did seem to me that I was likely to be the next victim to have to get into bed, and was feeling like Methuselah must have in his late years as I called at the school in the evening; and found that news had came by radio from a crowd of our folks that had been southward for more than a month (storm bound) where they had gone to gather berries; had started home; gotten sick; and had to brek journey by setting up camp along a barren beach about 50 miles from us; and that one of the smaller children had died; well I began to wonder just what was best for me to do, decided after talking to the other four white folks in town (our old; and new school teachers, all so afraid of measels that they went only once to see a family of 5, that I said had the measles) and came home to my own Nook; had a long comforting conversation with my faithful Guide and Friend then retired for the night; and got up and went about my work as usual the day; but three days more service was allowed for me; then I too had to stay in out of the stormy winds and snow. But the next day I was not out at all and Eskimo came as did teachers wife also. But all is improving now and I hope to be out again in a few more days. Measles are going away too.

*to see what
Eskimo & wife*

We have not been able to hold any services of any kind at all in October, so I have very little to report to you. Because for several weeks so many were out of town that holding even Sabbath school was almost impossible.

And as for the record of Home calls I have made; or for the record of the Natives calls to the Dispensary; truly I have not kept any record; just because I had too much to do looking after getting the sick ones to stay in bed out of the cold; even big men just did not seem to think it needful they stay indoors; until the two deaths; then they began to get scared and since then I have had no trouble to keep them in.

But I think the Epidemic will be over before Thanksgiving at the latest, unless the few stragglers we have yet to get home from Nome do come on the latest boat; Freighters for government affairs etc; come home and get sick.

But our Father has been so kind to us, in many places north of us there have been many deaths as a result of measles. And my people know it; one of my Elders has just now been to see me about their youngest child; who is still not gaining since having the measles as she should; and I fear she may not recover from the fact that she is tubercular; which makes matters much harder to understand for the Eskimo.

We do need your faithful prayers for these primitive peoples; in their hours of stress. But I am thankful for answered prayers and trust the people to make supplication for themselves and their little ones to God and some I do know are doing this. And the faithfulness of these Eskimo mothers these days is beyond understanding.

Now I wish to thank you for the amount set apart for the use of an Interpreter. And on this matter may I say. It so happens that often we do not be able to hold meetings; in which case I shall ask only for the amount due me for that month's Interpreters. But possibly I should make a note to this affect and send with my reports as usual, instead of using one of the regular Interpreter request forms as recently sent to me by Miss Hopp. Otherwise for your record Files there would be nothing to show that I did not draw the allowance; nor as to why I did not. And if I do this way then as far as I can see no need for me to send in the names of the persons who have interpreted.

These folks do not want any one person to do all the Interpreting; so they asked me to call a meeting of all men who could interpret for me; that is of the young men; and the result of this is that they go by a number; so I myself keep a record of the person: name & date; and at the end of a yearly quarter I pay what ever is due each one by check.

But some of them cannot interpret just off hand (I must write out my talks) and when Rev. Youel comes; they shuffle quite a bit; as they are not used to him nor his quotations so we learn much by his visits to us; that is my young interpreters do.

Well Dr. King since I began this letter I have had no less than 14 Callers after something or other; and the last one was an aged grandmother and a dear old soul she does be; so truly Eskimo; that since her departure with her certain kind of eye medicine; I have just had a good laugh; her grandchild has had measles; and the old lady is sick with this Grippe or Flu which we older ones are having; and she is so angry at her grandchild; she says it make her too much sick. No use to blame it on any one; for we just have it, and will have it a while yet.

Hope to see you when I go home; but don't want to go yet a while.

Sincerely yours, E. M. Stauffer

Nov.
6th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I was delighted to receive your interesting letter of September 5th. Because I have been away on a field trip it was not my privilege to read the letter until only a few days ago.

You are doing a most unusual piece of service there for our Lord. There are so many problems that must be answered, and so many difficult situations to man that I am going to ask you to be patient with me about your request for a new manse. I shall go into this as quickly as I possibly can. When I have something definite to offer, I can assure you that I will immediately notify you about it.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BH

Wales. Alaska.
Nov. 14th, 1939.

Dr. Everet B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr King;

I have just been working at getting the Inventory paper ready for you; and I find I have made a mistake and gotten some listed under section E that belong to myself so I shall not send that sheet to you at all. And rather than keep you waiting until you can send another one to me I am sending you the ~~original~~ Inventory Lists for both the Church and Manse.

And you will see then just what we do have here. But if this is unsatisfactory to you please return all lists and a new Inventory sheet as you sent me at first; and I shall send you just the record of the furniture; & important things.

Now as to any Real Estate in the Board's name I can not say; if there is; or is not any. But I remember about 1936 an Eskimo here told me he thought the Mission owned the land our church stands on and also from the church almost up to the Wales Village Store, where he says when Dr Greist was here Dr bought that piece & its two old Igloos (used them to make a dog barn; I tore it down as it was used by the young folks as a rendezvous as well as a ^{ad}uterers) (and gave part of its old wood as pay for my helpers; I used the rest for fuel) with future intentions of building a Manse there; between church & Store.

Surely you will find something in your Files about Dr Somerndike having corresponded with Government officials in Juneau on this matter.

I cannot say; but it may be that the Mission had only Occupancy Title to real estate here. If this is the case it will be well to move along and get a Manse on the plot of land above the church.

You may see something also in your Files regarding the Mission having given the old lumber of the house built by Mr. Thornton and Mr Lopp (in which the former was murdered by the Eskimo here) to the Eskimo here to build a Store in Wales. Thus the Mission has nothing in any ^{way} to say as to who now owns that as it was given to the Eskimo here, and is theirs. I write this to you to try to make it clear that we do claim their Store building in any way shape or form. I am sorry for these Eskimo; they are so afraid you will take their Store building.

But I tell them; no you won't do such a thing; for the Board gave them that and it is theirs. But to console them I need your comment and plain assurance to read to them; so is it asking too much of you to send it me?

I still have many mothers having to remain home to care for recuperating children from Measles dregs; but we began church service and hope all can attend before very long. Our weather is very cold now. Happy Thanksgiving and kindest regards.

Obediently yours *E. M. Stauffer.*

Wales. Alaska.

Nov. 15. 1939

Dr. Everett B King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Well; the expected Plane did not get here today yet which has given me a chance to finish the Inventory list which I shall now mail to you along with both my letters.

And I beg to say that in case you have looked over the Invoices of purchases for Wales; it may seem to you that we have more things etc on hand than I have listed; which is true; and for which I must explain; if you will kindly consider the facts; as I try to give my reason for my actions; it may help you to know that I have not disposed of any thing unjustly.

The Celotex; billed to Wales; never reached here. The Cast Iron Heater Stove; I had written Dr Somerndike about; when Mission was going to put in Oil Burners here; I had a Purchaser for and turned it in on the Mission account at the Store here this Fall. At its cost price as listed on mission bill; plus something for freight. And as we had painted the church; and had so many new (never used) brushes left; I knew the Store would be buying for its own use next year, so these too I turned at their cost price etc. As I did not need them.

Also the Coal stove pipe Dampers; we cannot use in Fuel oil stoves; I turned them into Store also cost price etc.

And nails (last years store account) shingle too short for satisfaction (but which Eskimo came begging now and then) I turned into store on the mission account same manner as above things.

And the Mathoid Roofing (not recently) I could not keep; so it too went into the mission account at the Store for that year the store ran out of this; and thus I sold them what I had left.

And I sold one ~~new~~ of new bed blankets which came as a donation to the Mission; and gave credit to the mission account at the Store. (of course I am obliged to pay men when they do any work for me or for the Mission, or give them credit on my own or the mission account at the store; and I will not give them brand new things as blankets and cloth by the yard, etc; if I can manage to help keep down the Mission expenses with them.)

These Wales people are not so desperately poor; as you folks think; many homes have victrolas; sewing machines; treadle or other wise; oil stoves; regular kitchen ranges for wood or coal; many of them buy coal; when they are too indifferent to go after drift wood. When their women don't want to make the native boots; they send even to their last cent to either Sears & Roebuck, or Montgomery Ward's for boots, all men who want them have High top, hip length gum boots. But the Village has a government body of 12 men as its Council; they meet; set the wage at so much the hour; and so much a parcel; as small, medium or large, to carry it from the beach into my house, or school, or store, or church, lumber is so much per foot measure. Oil and gasoline Drums are 15 each to get in from beach; and man who keeps check of carriers, gets 50 ; per hour, etc, etc. The Seattle order house get rich off my Eskimo.

So please forgive me if I have made a mistake; as I do try to sell when I do not see any future need of things in our work;

All those things that can be of any help in credit on the mission account at the Store here.

Which if I did not turn them into some good use; they would lay around awhile; then get carried off by some one; as has been done since I am here by one of my church Elders at that. But the child minded Eskimo is not yet; and I doubt if he ever will be; capable of being Trustee for anything in the church or Manse; as 90% of them think what is the missions they should have access to; and be allowed to use as they wish.

And the same way with government things, they use them until the saws etc are worn out, and complain why government teacher dont get some new tools etc for them to use. But I say nothing; if my tools are suitable when they work for me I let them use them; if not they furnish their own then I have to pay them for them, usually \$1.00 when job is done.

Mission did have a good pair of Tin Shears; that just dissappeared; so now I must borrow from government when I need some; and I often need such.

I have had to get some things, such as these pipe wrenches, oil pail & strainer; and I could not get a small enough wrench for these oil tank pipes; so I am having plenty of trouble till one I have ordered from Sears & Roebuck can get here. I had nothing in the Hose line to siphon out the oil from these huge Drums__so I am having to have Sears send me one in the order with the wrench.

I have learned to put up with many inconveniences until I can get the right article to work with. But this explains to you why yearly I send you a statement of the amount which I have paid out for things which I did not order on the Mission order; because at that time I did not know that I would need such things.

And it is best for me to have such things as I can handle myself; as while the Eskimo are very willing to help me; and are most kind to me still there are times when there is not an able bodied man available to do anything; such as putting in a full drum of oil when such is needed.

But I did get ahead of them all; by having men bring all my Fuel Oil drums into this Manse Annex__so now I borrow a hose from the store (if it is open) or use the one off the Dispensary Irrigating Can and siphon oil when I need it. If an Eskimo happens in at the time; they do it all for me. And seem pleased to do it. Of course if I keep them very long at it; I have plenty of second hand clothes; that I can give them something for some of their numerous half naked children; and they are happy.

I do not think it wise to supply Hymn books for use in church; free; as these people are very destructive with such things.

Rev. Youel; nor I like the looks of the old misfit size and shape of the seats in the church; but our two oil Furnaces had to be set on top the floor right in the church auditorium; we dont have; and could not have any basement; it would fill up with water. So we must arrange our seats around them somehow. Am waiting for his help; ere I think of new seats.

Now likely long ere you get this far in this letter you will think many, many things; but I do hope and pray that you may be inclined to speak freely with me; as well as Rev. Youel on any matter concerning the work here.

Sometimes I think__oh if those folks in the new York office could just think or picture in their minds just what a slow, backwoods section we live in and could just bear with us in our often absurd queries and requests; that they would help us so much by making life so pleasant; that even a word from them would seem like the voice of our Savior to us in this far away and very cold land.

As I look about the landscape these days__I think what is man, and why is God so merciful to us, as to maintain us?

Sincerely yours,
Emma M. Stauffer.

Nov.
17th
1939

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I am enclosing herewith a check for \$132.44 drawn to the order of the Wales Village Store to cover the amount which we owe. Will you please have them give you a receipted bill which you can send to me for our Board's records? This will keep everything in the clear.

We are also depositing to your account the amount of \$15.55 which you report as being due you for purchases necessary in behalf of the mission.

I am sure you enjoyed the visit of Mr. Youel and I am looking forward to hearing about it from you. When you next write, please give me an estimate of the cost of the new manse you need, and also a detailed description of the plans you would suggest.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

Wales Alaska.

Nov. 17th. 1939.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Here it is time for reports again, and I have so little to say that I do not enjoy it.

We opened up Sabbath day services on Nov. 5th; and at first there were what seemed like very few able to come; but last Sabbath attendance was much better, and as folks seem to be mending fairly rapidly, maybe by Christmas we may have a full regular turn out.

I have lately kept record of my medical work so it has come down to within reasonableness, is the only reason you get it. Of course I do a lot of visiting that is never kept count of because I often go calling; without being called to come. But now since the weather is getting so very cold, I shall not be doing so much unnecessary going about in the cold.

Hunting and trapping season opened this week; and every man that could go out; has gone to set traps for foxes, bears and any thing they can get hold of, but I expect them all home before Thanksgiving time. Then early in Dec. they will all go again to see, and get whatever might be in their traps.

As soon as the government nurse gets done and the Dr. are through and gone from the village; likely I will succeed in getting time for to hold some Bible classes. I did not begin ere this for the reason that the children have not been able to come because of measles. Unless by that time the teachers begin a course of special training for the Christmas program; if so I will likely be busy helping them at that, as it is slow work to get the little Eskimo to learn anything at the speed of a white child, so this along with my having to tie up an individual gift; of something; for every person in town makes me plenty of work for about three weeks in December. I get some two or three men to help when it comes to sacking up the candy, peanuts etc. But mostly I can manage to make better portioning out if I do it myself.

I am sorry you can not be with us for Thanksgiving services, and feast and I do hope that all my Eskimo will be able to attend services at that time.

Hoping by next month to have a greater attendance to * report I solicit your prayerful help for we all and hope my actions may be acceptable as

Your servant in Christ I am

Sincerely yours E. M. Stauffer

Wales . Alaska.
Nov. 17th, 1939.

My dear Dr. King;

Here it is Friday A M; and your mail is still here, because the Plane came yesterday, before I had time to get them into the mailbag -- for I locked it and donned my fur parka and rushed with the sack of mail toward the Plane which had landed no less than a mile north of the village. But as I went walking along two thirds way there I met the Pilot and the government traveling nurse coming this way so I turned over my sack of mail to the Pilot and the nurse and I walked home; and we sent an Eskimo after her luggage with a sled, thus I did not go to the Plane at all.

We are blessed in having fine, accomodating Pilots in Alaska; who are so obliging; as; if he had not taken that mail, it could waited here until Dec. 1st or later if weather was stormy.

Now the purpose of this note is to tell you why there are deerskins in Manse attic, which is just because in this manse, for ceiling, there is only one board on the lower side of the joice, and there are cracks between them (when I am in attic, I must go on the joice only, if my weight comes on these thin boards, they come down) so that some time before I came here, I think Miss Bannan, let Eskimo put deerskins, spread out to try to keep the cold out. Then I came along in 1935; and so near froze my first winter here that, I then; and ever since have taken all coal sacks available and spread around over and in among the attica joice to try to keep out the cold. Miss Banan wrote that she thought the mission might get something and put up to make a tighter ceiling, but I have never asked for it, because I know the roof on this old part of manse is just done; and taking the situation as a whole it might be best to wait a year and then make a new manse etc on another location; and get off government land; and away from rubbing elbows with the school house.

It is well the Plane came yesterday as we are not able to see fifty feet distance this A M, because of wind and a bit of snow. Mercury is about down to zero; but my oil stoves work wonders; when it is not windy; but the winds come right through the roof of this old manse, so there is no danger of me getting over heated any time.

We like the Furnaces for the church very much; since I have learned that they must be fired several hours before meeting time. And we are very pleased with being given paint for interior of church; as it is so much like a new place that last night at prayer meeting, some Eskimo who have been away for the summers work; since getting home have been sick; just sat and looked and looked around at it, in awe.

Now I do not plan to be annoying you with notes from me again until about the time I send in my years order for supplies. And long ere then you I hope will enjoy a very pleasant Holiday season and ready for a joyous outlook for the work of the new year. And may the grace of our Heavenly Father span the distance between us until though we are far apart we may work together as one in Spirit.

Sincerely yours
Emma M. Stauffer.

Nov.
29th
1939

Miss E. M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have your letter of October 31st and have read through it with no small amount of interest. My heart has gone out to you and your great and noble work in the Master's Name. Certainly you must have a satisfaction after you have spent a long and hard day, that you have done what you could. I do not know of any greater satisfaction that comes to one, than that which springs from a consecrated heart in devoted service. You may be sure that we are remembering you in our daily prayers.

I trust that the epidemic of measles has let up some by now. Also I am hopeful that you have fully recovered from your flu and are equal to the many calls that come to you physically.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BN

Wales. Alaska.

Dec. 15th. 1939.

Dr. Everet B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Well here it is report time again; the time does fly so fast that it seems no time since I sent the last ones.

But I am glad to be able to give some report for this month; which is better than last month, and should improve in number of attendance now until about Dec 25th; then after that date the men are usually gone out of town most of the time; either for several days at a time or gone all day after hunting and don't get home until dark and are so tired and so near frozen that they "hole up" until about break of day and then are gone again for the same purpose. So thusly they are seldom at any service.

The medical work has been very light; and all I have been doing is to care for what calls come to my place for medicine; as the Government Traveling nurse is in town and she looks after the home calls. She does not intend to be in town indefinitely, this is just her yearly visit; when she gives the natives a general going over, and calls the Dr. for minor surgical cases; anything major has to go away to Kotzebue for treatment or operation. This involves much inconvenience to the natives; but as they simply will GAD about in all sorts of weather, it is well enough to give them something to travel for.

I am looking forward to a joyous Christmas as everything seems in the best of spirits for the occasion, and the teachers we have this year are so congenial and nice to work with, I have already begun to do up the Eskimo's packages as I try to have something for each one in town, I must get a goodly number of parcels ready, labeled for a certain one; long before Dec 25th.

And I do hope you and all your folks may have a Happy Holiday season and a Prosperous New Year. And I do thank you for all your help in every way to the work here, for though I do not say much about what we are doing; we just keep working away and everything seems to be going along so well, that I feel your prayers for us are being answered in God's own way and time.

Obediently yours,

Emma M. Stauffer



GREETINGS

— to you



MAY HAPPINESS BE YOURS
AT CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT
THE NEW YEAR

EMMA M. STAUFFER

Merry Christmas Brothers &
Thanks for your letter
of Nov 6th it came Dec. 1st
All seems to be going well here -
but oh so cold! 11 12" below zero at
noon - yesterday - E. M. Stuffer

Wales. Alaska.
Jan. 5th, 1940

Dr. Everet B. King.
#156_5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

I wish to thank you for the Christmas Greeting I fear I was so busy with getting everything arranged for the happiness of my Eskimo that my friends back home were almost left out of the picture. But I think of you all; when; as I have told you before; when my days work seems done (when Christmas packages are all tied up and given out, and entertainment Program is over) and I settle down to think of other things than just Eskimo, and their numerous demands. Then is when I do feel lonesome; and the only time the whole year round; is at Christmas time; until the mail comes in; bringing so many nice Greetings from home folks that by the time I get done with my reading of mail; (usually two or three hours) and all due to the fact that often the Eskimo come in just to talk a bit and hear any news that I may have to tell them. *I am free of lonesomeness.*

But all said and done; we did have a nice Christmas ever if our only Store did get afire from a bad chimney and a hot stove; which caused all the congregation to rush out of our special Christmas services; I went too; and we all worked like experienced Firemen; we got the fire out; lost only quite a few made up dry goods; much more was damaged by water etc, but I have been helping them to get it all fixed up alright again. And this fire has taught the Eskimo a much needed lesson, that no one could ever make them believe by a teaching method.

And just today I turned your check over to the Store Manager, and you will find herein enclosed the receipted bill as you requested. And I wish to thank you for the check. Also for the deposit to my account of the amount due me.

Our mail Plane came on Jan 2nd; crashed three miles south of here; but did not burn and no one was hurt; Pilot is still here waiting for repairs to come as soon as weather permits. So I have just heard over my radio they will be here tomorrow A M; so this means that I; as Post Mistress, must hustle along and get the little bit of mail we have ready to go if the Plane comes.

So hoping this finds everyone at your office as busy and happy as it leaves me I beg to remain

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.

Jan. 15th, 1940

Dr. Everet B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King:

Here it is report time again; the first time in 1940; strange how swiftly time goes when one is busy. And how thankful I am that God still considers me worthy of a place to work and has permitted me strength and health to enter upon the duties of another year; and it is my earnest prayer that I may be able to do all that is expected of me for Him during this year.

You will find some ciphers in my reports this time; about which may I explain that I could not hold these meetings; as so many children had been operated upon; and had to drop out of our Entertainment program; that we grown ups had to get busy and take time to learn how and what we had to do to make up for the parts the children could not handle; since they could neither recite recitations nor sing for us. Which made it so that for so many evenings I had a crowd of Eskimo at my place practicing for Christmas Eve program, and this with my getting a package ready for each individual in town did not leave me any time for other work. But in the end we had a very good program; and everybody seemed to enjoy it all—and when Old Santa Claus came in with his bag of candy; it would have did your soul good to have seen how my Bible class children crowded about him, which is most unusual; as the Eskimo are deathly afraid of anyone that is white skinned; little Tots simply scream even after they know who the person is; and have to be taken out of the church. But not so with those who have been attending my classes; and who enjoyed Santa very much; indeed we all did too, even though we were busy giving out the Christmas Gifts. Am sorry that sometime you cannot be here too.

And this year I had started the fire in the church at six o'clock in the morning and by seven P M it was warm enough to be fairly comfortable; and the longer the crowd were in it the warmer it seemed to get. But right now the weather is so stormy that the wind seems to drive most of the heat across to Siberia; so much so that yesterday we held our Sabbath School at 11:00 A M and followed it at once with our evening church services; we do this way only in mid_winter when weather is very bad. Mercury is 8 below zero this morning and snowing and making drifts everywhere. Yesterday I had to shovel a way out of my house; snow drifted 2/3 way up my door; then went to church and found same condition; shoveled it out and got in; and when I came home; I had to shovel out again to get into my own house. I have not been to my outside yet today but I am sure it will be snowed up most to the top again, one gets used to this wind and snow; have to; as it keeps this up until May 15th; at least.

Now I will close and hope this finds you well and happy like it leaves me, and soliciting your prayers for our work here may I remain

*Sincerely yours
Emma M. Stauffer*

Jan.
17th
1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Thank you for the three different letters that I have received from you together with the complete inventory. In one letter I note you raise a question in regard to the real estate. You state that you think the Board holds title to the land on which our church stands, together with the land up to the Wales village store. There is no record of this possession. I therefore suggest that you make a careful measurement and submit the description to me in order that I may apply for an occupancy right.

You may give the natives our assurance that the Presbyterian Church has no claim whatsoever on the store building, and that the Presbyterian Church will not in the future make any claim. We have absolutely no rights to this building.

I will have to trust your good judgment in disposing of the articles that seemingly have no use. Certainly you would not want to make your little house a storeroom.

May the Lord keep you and bless you in your faithful and heroic work.

Cordially yours,

ESK:BN

Wales. Alaska.

Jan. 18th, 1940.

Dr. Everett B King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Likely you have been looking for my yearly order for supplies to have been in your hand long ere this can get to you. But I have always before sent this out in the January mail; but just purposely delayed it this time until I could get a chance to talk things over with Rev. Youel. As I got a letter from him in the Janury mail; and as the Plane wrecked three miles south of us and the Pilot walked into Wales; and in short we finally got our mail by dog sled from the Plane; and altogether resulted in the Pilot being stranded here for nearly a week; which gave us time to answer many letters; so I have been looking for him just any time but as I heard by radio yesterday a Plane is trying to come back for the excess mail stored here; and as season is getting so late I decided to get my order ready to send if the mail Plane happens to get here before Rev Youel.

I know that as you read over the order you will do some deep thinking; but I do not see any other way to solve the problem of arranging something so that our church can be at least tolerably warm. And I have discussed the whole situation with the members of our Church Session; I being one of them; and it is the concensus of opinion that the best thing to do is to put in a lower ceiling in the church; as the present one is just 14 ft. high; which makes it seem like all out doors when it comes to heating it when mercury is 20" below zero; and the wind going at 40 or 60 miles per hour.

So it may seem to you that I have asked for many odd things for a lady Missionary to be using; but if you will be so kind as to send these things to me; it will help me to get this carpentry work done with no waste of time; as the men stand and wait while I hunt over town to borrow any tool I happen to find and bring for them. And I shall try to keep these things in the Manse and under my care as best I can for you.

Now since it seems best we put this ceiling in the church as soon as we can do so. To me it seems advisable to try to get along this year 1940; with this old Manse; because as in summer time the most of good workers of the Eskimo go to work at the Tin Mines; 6 miles south of Wales.; and the ones left in town are not worth much for anything such as carpentry. And since it is evident that the Store Manager (Elder Louis Tungwenuk; a good Carpenter) will have to be busy fixing at the store building; since the fire that broke out in it on Christmas day left it in bad shape; I know he will not be able to help us very much; but he will come; as he has always done and helped advise workers how and what to do when I need him.

Sheet # 2 for Dr King.

But knowing the quality of workmen that will be available; besides those at work at the Store building; I think best to only do the work that the material I have asked for in my present order will permit me to do.

Then that will give me time to help to plan a new Manse; as I am hoping to manage somehow to be permitted to make suggestions so we can manage to have it all under one roof which means a two story building with the first floor not a full height ceiling, but divided into rooms for Fuel oil drums and various other supplies; as Mission Boxes, huge things that come in to us; Donations; (which at present I have to segregate into my bedroom, where they remain until I get them opened and sorted out ready to divide out to each person at Christmas time) a good many of which when they are fit, I use to pay as many workers with as they will be satisfied with. But I must have them somewhere out of sight of the general public., until I want them.

I have not yet solved the problem as to how to have a place to live while I get this old Manse wrecked; but I think I can store my things in the little room that I hope to make in the hall way at the church this summer; and possibly live in there too; is why I have asked for a little oil stove to have to cook on.

As the Eskimo would like when we make a new Manse to have some thing (and I want the heavy plank like timbers in the base foundation, to make the entrance flooring for the hallway where these oil drums do be brought in; as they ruin ordinary flooring, we have learned this year) of this Manse put into the new one; because this was the first school house ever made in Wales (done by Mr Thornton & Mr Lopp) and it is a very sensitive and dangerous subject to talk about with the Elders of my church. As for the rest of the building; we may possibly save the lining of the ceiling and some side walls of one room but the rest I think it would be best to have me arrange to give to the Eskimo who will wreck it and take out what we wish to use for ourselves; and let them have it as their pay for the work of wrecking it.

Elder Louis Tungwenuk was here last evening helping me to get the right sizes for the lumber for the church etc; and we talked over many problems; as he is Store Keeper & teacher is his Boss in that; and I am so it does seem; the Post Mistress; we have many things in common; and he was telling me that there is talk of making a new school house here, just how soon I am not able to yet say. But as I know the present one is too small they will be spreading out over the reserved land as much as they wish to do. And the Reindeer business will have to be content with what they leave for them.

Now tonight is Prayer Meeting night; and I shall be leaving this now until after that; as the Interpreter came an hour ago and got the lesson; and Talk (written out) took it and went home to study it out.

And I do hope to hear favorably from you and if there is some thing that is not agreeable to you; will you please let me know; as I can possibly make some other arrangement. But I shall mail this if a Plane comes in; and if when Rev Youel comes he wants me to do any way that is better than I have herein arranged for I shall send word to that effect., but if you do not hear from me will you please just go by this order for supplies for this year and thank you very kindly.

Obediently yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Her salary received from

Wales. Alaska.
Jan.25th.1940.

Dr.Everett B.#King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

As my order for supplies is likely in your hand long ere this may I say that when the total of my own personal comes to your office__and ere you make out your list of us who should pay Income Tax to the Government__please add onto my personal expenses for this year the amount of \$128.00__

Because I have spent this much for purchasing food supplies for this season locally last Autumn when our school teachers were transferred and had to sell or take their already delivered order of food stuffs with them;which did not suit since they were going out to Montana. And this explains why I have not ordered much for this season.

I have just had a long letter from the Eskimo who took his family and went to the NewYork Fair last spring; have you met him? his name is Robert Mayo; and it seems they are getting homesick;they tell me they expect to come back this summer. Is the Fair not to be held this year also;I was in hopes it might still be going on even next year and maybe I could get a glimpse of it then?

Locally we seem to be busy and happy;our people have gotten 3 Polar Bear this winter and but very few fox. And Seal hunting has been poor so Eskimo have leaned very heavily on the reindeer for food;and fur clothes. And tho we had a fire in the Store(only one in Wales) still the people seem to be getting along very well this winter.

Our church work with its various Bible Classes and etc etc seems to be going on very well;and we are now getting plans made for an Easter Program and hope all works out well. Wish you could drop in on us some time if you are coming to Alaska;please try and get up to see us; as we shall all be very happy to have you come.

Thanking you for your Holiday Greeting and for your prayerful help for we all I am

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Feb.
7th
1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer,
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have read through with a great deal of interest your letter of January 18th. I am wholeheartedly in favor of seeing an improvement made in your living quarters as well as in the quarters in which you serve. However, I am of this opinion: that it would be the wisest thing to not make any improvements until we know for sure what we are doing.

I raise no question at all about your plans. The only question I raise is whether or not it would be best to plan to do this small work now or whether it would be better to arrange to do all of the work at the same time. In order that we may not make any mistake, I am going to take your request along with me to Fairbanks and discuss it with Dr. Youel, when I see him next month.

I shall write you again, acquainting you with the decision at which we arrive.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BN

Wales. Alaska.

Feb. 16th. 1940.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

My dear Dr. King;

Likely you have long ago heard from me and have my order for supplies in hand and are wondering what I am going to do with all the things I have asked for and I am ashamed that my order was so large. But since I made out that order the weather has been so very cold and I have had to keep fire going in my bed room so that it seems I should ask you to increase my order for Fuel Oil for my Stoves so it will be that you send me 80 Drums instead of sixty ^{five} which I had asked for in my order. Our church auditorium is so large that I am having to use more fuel to warm it than I had counted on; and if the present cold wave continues too long I will likely run out of Fuel oil before spring this year. But never mind if I do I will get along some how for myself; and keep enough for to have to heat the church. I should have asked for more last year.

But it is hard to know how much to order when we never had fuel oil stoves before and one has to learn by experience how much fuel is needed. The Eskimo are very nice about our cold church; and so patiently they come to meetings and sit with their fur hoods over their heads; and their little Tots look like bundles of fur, with rosy cheeks as they keep hopping about to keep their toes from freezing; while my own feet are so cold I want to be doing just as they do; but I am wearing knee length fur boots, and have on my fur Parka, and thus I can keep warm enough to tolerate the cold fairly well any time, anywhere.

The children and I have most pleasant times in our meetings these days for we are getting ready for Easter; a time that the children look forward to with almost as much enthusiasm as they do Christmas; but we do not get so many adults into our Entertainment Program for Easter as for Christmas; as I try to use Easter Sunday as our Children's day; then after this time yearly I find it best to let most of my childrens meetings be closed for the season; since the little ones do not want to be indoors hardly long enough to eat and sleep. Today the sun is bright; but oh so cold; but the little Tots are sliding down the mountain of snow at the western end of the Manse which has the windows in that end of my house shut tightly since a month.

Well I now have the eighth set of visitors this P M and so as they sit and listen to my radio I will close your letter and get busy and entertain them for a while if they will stay long enough to get warm; they usually will stay.

And I wish to be

Sincerely yours Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
Feb.28th.1940.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

My dear Dr.King; 

Your letter of Jan.17th, reached me a few days ago and noting its contents I got busy at measuring the place for a plot of land for the mission.

And of course we tried to get the exact location of the Boundary line of the present government reserved plot it has; on which the school is and also the little house I am ~~xx~~ living in. The Blue print of this plot is here at the school. So myself and my helper went to the teacher to get the place to measure from; their Boundary line; which by the blue print is between my house and the church.

But as we measured according to the methods of our teacher; going by the Scale of measure on the Blue print; their reserve plot measured out so that their plot extends up so far, that just half of our church is on their plot. But I think the teachers measure is larger likely than the Surveyors was.

Well anyway, we could not, because of the huge snowdrifts, locate their corner stones and thusly had nothing whatever to go by, so I had to give it up. But the village store is just almost 100 ft. north of the north corner of the church, it is within this space that I hope to have the mission some time; not this year; and not next, but the next summer, build a Manse. But please arrange to first have the correct size of a plot of land measured off; from the correct edge of the government reserve plot near to the south side of our church, and which runs close along the back of the church also; then along back toward the northeast end of Cape Mt. We cannot measure anything until the teacher can locate their Boundary line. And I think it will take government surveyors to locate that, we should get it done; and know where we are at. I think the government Coast Guard ship that comes here every summer would be the only ship that would likely have any surveyors on it. But you simply cannot do anything now; better get all ready and get arrangements made to have it done this summer. With your helping I think I could get the Captains help because he is very obliging and helpful every year when they come here.

Sheet #2 for Dr. King.

But may I say that while on the Blue_print of the government reserve plot the line as of their boundary runs between my house and our church; still off at one corner of the Blue_print it plainly states that the drawing of the church is not according to scale of map.

Some time ago I sent a sketch of this Blue_print to the Mission office to Dr Somerndike; is it not there somewhere?

Truly I am sorry that I cannot get this done for you; but it is just something that it will take real surveyors to straighten out or else if I just haphazardly measure off a strip of land it will likely result in us getting more buildings up on some part of the 14 acre government reserve; which we do not at all want.

And as the Wales people have applied for a village reservation now it would seem more important that we get our plot reserved; because the younger generation of Eskimo think nothing of stepping on a place where they should not be at all, or in other words they build anywhere; and the plot between our church and the store is the only place we can now get a good place for to put up a little Manse.

So will you please forgive me for not succeeding in doing your bidding; and take the matter in your own hands and get it done ere we build a Manse at all.

And I do hope you can arrange to get it done this summer; as if it suits the mission to do it; I would like to go for about four months leave from just after Christmas until about the 15 of June not later in 1941. But I cannot be gone longer than that since in the first place, I don't wish to away longer, and again my school teachers will be leaving as soon as the school term is done and I must be here for some one needs to be here to keep a civil equilibrium in business, Post Office, and to take care of mail and supplies when ships come it, etc, etc.

Please let me hear from time to time what you can get done toward getting our plot measured off. As we should have an occupancy title for the plot for our church and the Manse; and the way I desire to have them; they would both be on one plot of ground.

Thanking you for your kind letter and hoping to hear favorably from you concerning my order for supplies for this year I beg to remain

Faithfully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
Feb.29th.1940.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156_5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr.King;

After writing the other letter herein enclosed, I got to thinking that it would be foolishness for us to try to get some one to survey just to try to locate the place we would like to have our buildings on;so I got one of my Elders this morning and we have just measured off a plot of as large size as we can get beyond the area; as far as we can tell by the Blue_print of government reserve: of what seems would be their boundary line.

And this plot is as for size;just this;
on south side running from East to west; 100 ft.
on west side running from south to north; 140 ft.
on north side running from west to east ; 100 ft.
on east side running from north to south; 140 ft.

And I shall enclose a small diagram of where our measured plot is located and enclose it with this letter to you and then you please go ahead and do what you know is best and get an Occupancy Title for the mission buildings in Wales.

And anything more than I can do I shall be at your service at your command.

This is one beautiful morning;only 8" below zero,and the sun is so bright,it seems like a life stimulant. Wind is going about 25 mi.per hour,and has snow sailing in its quake. My Interpreter has already came for the lesson for prayer service;and I have been calling at the store too as I have been helping the manager get some carved ivory orders properly packed and now I shall be hustling along with this letter and get the fires lit to try to get our church a little warm by prayer meeting tonight;then go to the Post Office and sort out the mail and mail these packages of ivory from the store and be all set for the Mail Plane which I got word by our teachers;expects to be here tomorrow. This is such a life inspiring bright day I dont want to be busy indoors;it is stormy but not too cold when one is keeping active,only my face usually gets nipped from the actions of Jack Frost,frequently.

And wish to remain Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales. Alaska - Feb. 29-1940.

Mr. King - This is a small diagram to show you the location of our church - and the location of the plot of land - the measurement 100 X 140 ft, on which church is standing which seems the ideal plot to obtain for to build a house - on our plot - between church and store.

Village Store

North side



100 ft

West side

140

90 ft

140 ft

40 ft

Church.

10 ft

100 ft

10 ft

Old house

School

Government Reserve Boundary line

a part of Government Reserve.

all this land is Government Reserve according to Blue Print

Debris Sea Beach

Wales. Alaska.
Mar.II.1940.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr.King;

Most likely long ere you receive this you will have been to visit Rev Youel and heard of the telegram which I had sent him;hoping it would get there before you; as I thought you two men would likely talk over many phases of tentative repairs;or a new manse for Wales while in Fairbanks.

Do hope you will have my letters in hand regarding the property title ~~in hand~~ by now;and I trust you to go on and do what you think is best. I think it would be best to ask for the claim as I asked for around the church and up toward the store. As this is in the center of the village and seems best for the location of our church etc. And it is as large a plot as we can get hold of in this vicinity.

Now as for my resason for not wanting any large Enterprises undertaken may I explain; that these Eskimo have very little to live on;except the few who get work a few months in summer at Tin Mines;and it is a help to them to get some work that will bring them in a little at a time; since they have no sense of conservativeness any time;and I can get the few of them that are capable of doing any sort ordinary carpenter work for a limited time in summer as they have work of their own that must be done each summer at a certain time. I have gotten them broken of the habit of coming to the mission asking for just any conceiveable thing;when their fancy strikes them to havesomething; rather I pay them for their work and let them have it;then I am under no obligations to them and they are getting better at taking care of what they get. I try to help them in a way that will learn them to help themselves.

Of course I know that likely I shall have to pay them at the rate of 40¢ per hr.,but even at that it is better than to bring a bunch of men in from the states just for a small job., unless it would be a carpenter to just oversee the putting up of a new manse;but I think I could manage it;since we cant dig any foundation;rather must set our building on top the ground;that has been leveled down with a huge rock under each corner post.,

I have my Doubts if any man not used to these ways we have to go by;and tolerate the Eskimos individual peculiarities and their slow mental facaulties;could get along with them very well.

I hope you two men decided to let us have ceiling lumber for the church this summer. And please dont let anyone persuade you to send me any substitute for real solid ceiling lumber;since any combination materials gets frosted;and simply comes down in fragments when the Spring season comes,with all its thawing process.

Am looking forward to a happy busy summer;so many of our men folk are out of town now;seems most like summer now,but all is well here.

Sincerely yours *Emma M. Stauffer*

Wales. Alaska.
Mar. 13. 1940

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr King;

Herein you will find the reports for the month ending on March 14th; and also the report for amount needed for Interpreters for the month.

We have had a very good attendance for this report but I have no hopes for it to be as high again for some time since many folks have gone for medical treatment to the hospital as they were ordered to do by the government Dr. when he was here during the Christmas holiday season; and will likely not be home for at least one month if not longer. Then many men have gone either northward or southward to help with the yearly Round up for counting etc of the reindeer; and may be home for Easter and maybe not. And by the time they do get home it will be spring hunting season; and harvest time for the Eskimo which means that the men bring home the Game; and the women are into cutting up blubber etc up to their shoulders until it is almost impossible to extricate themselves from it to get to Services during the week; but many of them do try to still; in spite of opposition; observe the Sabbath day.

Then as soon as weather open up the Tin Mines will call the men from here to take up work; very few chosen; and that will take several families out of town altogether., for the summer.

Thus I close down my Bible classes in the early spring; for as soon as the snow is off the mountain side the children feast on the frozen berries they did not get last Fall; and you simply cannot get them in doors for anything .

I have made many calls into homes this month partly medical and mostly otherwise; since we have several people who are victims of Tuberculosis; and ere spring is gone it does seem that some of these folks will be gone from our midst to their heavenly homes. But there is very little any one can do for them; except pray with them; and visit them often, which is dangerous business, since their places are reeking with the disease; but they resent learning to live more hygienically, so I do the best I can and trust God to do what is best for them.

Now I must close hoping to hear from you and your visit to Fairbanks at your convenience and beg to remain

Sincerely yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales. Alaska.
Mar. 23th. 1940

Dr Everett B King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

My dear Dr. King;

Well the mail plane failed to stop here so am adding a second copy to your letter of Mar. 11th., just to say we have had a very nice Easter season; and I am really sorry that you did not happen to drop in on us at that time. Of course I know that you only intended to come to Fairbanks but thought that you might happen to come. And I assure you that any time you can get here I shall be very happy to have you.

Many of our men have been away for several weeks in connection with the counting and marking of their share of the reindeer; and have just gotten home yesterday and today; I am glad they are home; one called and gave me some mail to send out for him; and said he was so dissappointed that he could not get home for Easter services; they were miles away from any village at reindeer Camp, and could not leave until their work was finished up.

I use Easter as like Childrens Day in the church at home because later in the season I cannot get little folks assembled to get a program ready for a special day for them. And we have so many children just at the attractive age who did most of the Easter Program and they did very, very well and I am sure their parents enjoyed their singing etc very well.

Now; rumors are that a mail plane will be here any day now and I hope to hear from you and learn what you have in store for us here for it must have helped you decide when you would hear from us by Rev Youel; I do enjoy his visits so for he is such a help to me; and I hope that even tho he may not be coming this spring that he will be sure to come to us this next October.

We are enjoying a very stormy day but the sun is here and cheers us on our way by the fact that there are brighter days ahead for us. Thanking you for your last letter and hoping to hear from you in the near future I beg to remain

Gratefully yours

Emma M Stauffer

April 3, 1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I am extremely sorry that the weather would not permit me to visit you in Wales when I was in Fairbanks. I feel that I missed a large part of Alaska when I missed being in Wales and the Island of St. Lawrence, as well as Barrow and Wainwright. It only means that I am going to have to return and make my plans to visit these places that I missed. However, I feel now that I have at least a speaking knowledge of the Alaskan situation. I am sure that I have a more thorough understanding of some of the problems.

In regard to your letter of January 25th, you ask the question about the income tax to the Government. Since your salary is less than \$1,000. we do not make any report to the Government. In this connection you speak of \$128. to be added on to your personal expenses for the year. I am taking it that you are giving this figure to be deducted from your income tax report. If I am wrong, you will please correct me.

Your requisition for personal needs is in the hands of Mr. Gene Gould. Rev. Mr. Youel will be in Wales some time soon, and he will check with you the need for repairing or building. I am wholeheartedly in sympathy with any plan that will make your living quarters more comfortable. However, I want us to do the best thing when we do build, and for that reason I have asked Mr. Youel to check with you and to survey the needs and then make the final report.

Please send me the address of Mr. Robert Mayo, the Eskimo who is in New York. I shall be glad to look him up, and say, "Hello" to him.

Cordially yours,

EBK:R

WALES, ALASKA

April 20, 1940

For summer of 1940 supplies

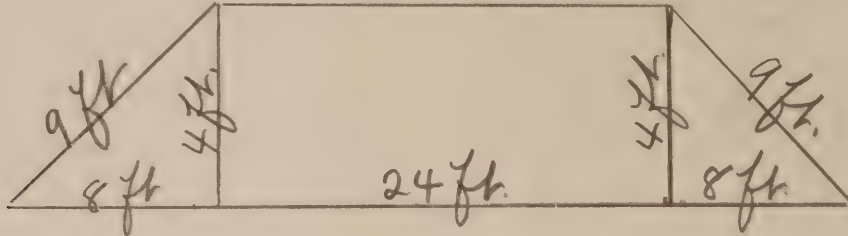
Gasoline (aviation)	10 gal. each	5 cases
Oil; kerosene	" " "	2 "
Batteries; Ever ready; standard; Flashlight		2 dozen
Bulbs; for 2 cell Flashlight		1/2 "
Tacks; ass't as for size about that of carpet tacks		1 pkt.
" ordinary thumb		1 pkt.
Matches; Searchlight; 500 in each box; 6 box in pkt.		2 pkt.
Glue; Lepages; 1 oz. bottle		1 bottle
Pyrene: to refill fire extinguishers		2 qts.
OIL; for Fuel oil stoves; #34 oil - same as last year; 50 gal. each		60 drum
Gasoline Lamp; (American Ready Lite, with R55, generator; large Fount)		1 only
" " Mantles; heavy duty #21 A; type		2 Dozen
Generators; for any gasoline lamp. R55 Rotating		1 "
For Coleman lamp #130; Filler Plugs complete with stem, etc.		1 doz.
Copper wire screen; to repair strainer in funnel; for Fuel oil....		1 yd (sq.)
Hooks; to put in ceiling to hang Lamps on		1 doz.
Window glass; DOUBLE strength - size 9-3/4 by 15"		1 doz.
" " " " " 8-1/4 - 13-1/4		1 doz.
Hose for drawing oil from 50 gal. drums; other than pure rubber, 1 inch		20 feet
Door latch; complete to fit into door I, I/4 inch thick		1 only
Glass cutter		1 only
Asbestos; 1/8 in. thickness; size 42 X 48 inch		2 sheets
Faucet; (spigot) something like #100F in Schwabackers Cat. long in threaded part to extend past the rim of head of oil drum; right size to fit into small Bung Hole in head of oil drums		1 only
Door (all wood, i.e. solid lumber) 6 1/2 ft. by 32 inch; durable material; upper 1/4 or 1/3 section to be fitted with ^{small} 3/4 panes of glass; double strength, firmly placed, give light, but not to see through. This door complete with its own door frame; sill, side posts, etc. hinges its own latch inset in the door; etc. etc. (for small room)		1 only
Padlock like #2679 in Schwabackers		3 only
Hasps; medium size and weight; for doors in side house approx. 5 in.		2 only
Door Pulls like #02210 in looks but not brass one; heavy iron,		2 "
Long bolts to fasten these to through doors (don't send screws)		1 doz.
Nails galvanized #4 for nailing ceiling boards onto ceiling		80 lb.
Galvanized iron sheeting; 26 guage size 36 X 96		1 sheet
Rule; Boxwood size 2 ft. in Schwabackers cat. 27 (48)		1 only
Bevel square; sliding T; (Rosewood handles) size 8 in. #25		1 only
Carpenters Square; as like #100 B; 24 X 2		1 only
Dial Tape measure; " " #D 53 -- size 50 ft.		1 only
SAW: Carpenters hand saw #D8 -- 9 - pts to the inch size 26		1 "
" ; " RIP " " #D S - 5-1/2 " " " " " 26		1 "
Tin Snips; #18 Size 13 with 3-1/2 cut (Wiss comb)		1 "
Stove; Kerosene oil; like #62; 2 burner 22 X 14 by 9 1/2 (Schwabackers)		1 "
Oven to use on above oil stove like #14 in Schwab. cat.		1 "
Ripping Bar; as like #2136 size 7/8 by 36		1
Brush like #43 -- in Schwabackers cat.		1 "
Stove Boards (for under stoves #130 28x34		1 "
Stove Boards " " " #120 30 X 30		3 "
Building paper to line church ceiling and walls (500 feet each)		12 roll
Ceiling lumber; regular 3/4 in. by 4 inch grooved	2,500	
Celotex for church walls	36 pcs. 4 x 10 1/2 in.	
Batting to cover seams of celotex	sufficient 50 pcs. 10 ft. long.	
Stoves for any kind of coal or wood; Cascade iron heater 17 CC		2 only
Windows (storm) single sash; size 5 ft 6 3/4 in. long; 2 ft 11 in. wide 13/4 inches thick for church	12 lights size 9 3/4 x 15 inch each	8 only
Coal for church Utah		3 ton
Taper stove pipes 7 to 6 in. 26 guage (12 in long)		4 only
Stove pipe T joints 6 inch #I 24 28 guage		4 only

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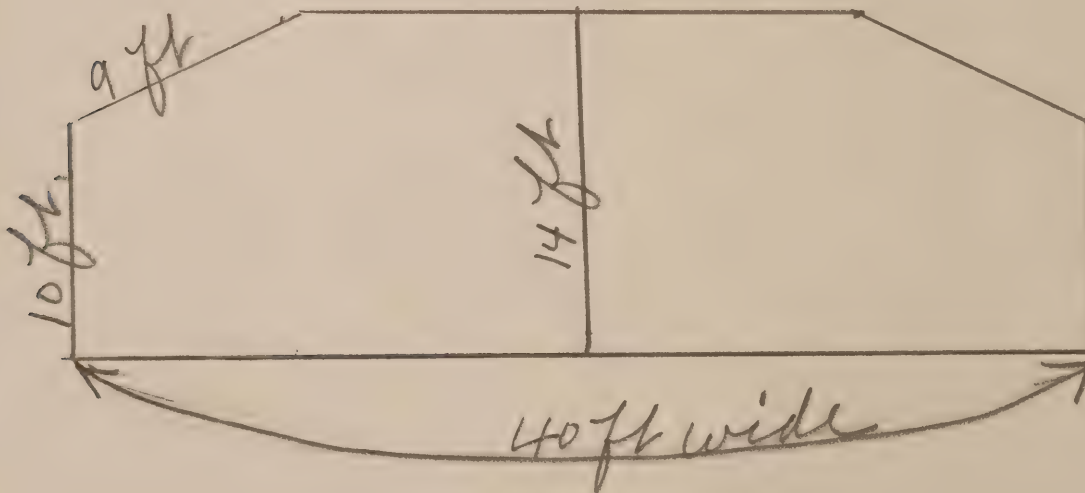
WALES, ALASKA Supplies for summer of 1940

Dampers for 6 inch stove pipe _____ 3 only
Nails for Celotex sufficient am't #10 - 4 D Galv. 10 lbs. 4D Galv.
Lumber 2' x 4' x 14 ft (to make Sabbath School room at church _____ 10 pieces
Lumber; regular flooring " " " 200 ft. _____ 140 sq. ft.

Drawing to show shape and measurements of church ceiling and when totaled amount needed please write it in proper place on other sheet attached.
Ceiling lumber for this:



Drawing to show measurement for space for Celotex wanted and when totaled up please write amount needed on the attached sheet



For Celotex

1 wall 14 ft. high and 40 ft. in length.

And 3 walls; each 10 ft. high and 40 ft. in length

Please and thank you.

(SIGNED) EMMA M. STAUFFER

Fairbanks, Alaska

May 10, 1940

This order is entirely indorsed by me after carefully checking the need and reasonableness of the items included, while at Wales, Alaska,
(Signed) JOHN E. YOUEL.

May 6, 1940

Air Mail

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I sincerely hope that Dr. Youel has been on your field visiting with you, and that by the time you receive my letter all plans and details will have been cared for. I am extremely anxious that you may be made as comfortable as possible in your work. You may be certain that I shall go the limit in hearing and heeding the requests that are within my power and ability.

Mr. Gene Gould notified me that he had not yet received your request for coal and oil for the coming season. I have notified him to ship you the same amount as he did last year.

Miss Ann Bannan is here now and we are enjoying her fellowship immensely.

Please let me know whether or not you are anticipating taking a year's leave of absence this next year.

Cordially yours,

EBK:E

P.S. This is a duplicate of the letter sent out to you on May 3, but fearing that it did not go Air Mail I am sending a copy today by air mail.

May 3, 1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

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Cordially yours,

EBK:E

Wales. Alaska.
May, 7th, 1940.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156. Fifth Ave.
New York.
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Dear Dr. King;

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Well; likely you have ~~looked~~ for the reports to be in your hand long ere this but I had just kept them here and let Rev. Youel sign them here and now I am sending them on to you in the first mail that may leave here anytime since Tin Mine men will soon be coming in by Plane we may have plenty of service.

There is nothing very new to report as the work has been going on just as usual all spring. I have closed down my Bible classes for the summer; closed the Adult girls class the first Sabbath Rev Youel was here; he managed to get a snapshot of the class and myself so likely you will see us in print soon.

The medical work has been very light, except for a seige of heavy colds; of which I had my share; but all are getting over their coughs and nowadays spend most of their time Walrus hunting and fishing; even today with a strong Gale; women by the dozen are out fishing; but the ice kept the men in out of Behring sea because there was no open water to put out their boats into.

Well I suppose you will have heard of Rev Youel's visit to us; he had much work to do, infants to baptize, and also some adults too; then we had just 28 new members added to our church membership, which makes us all very happy indeed, to say the least; and I am so thankful that he was permitted to come to us, and I do think it very fine that the Board has arranged to have him come around to carry on the work when we regulars are away on leave of absence. But I was very sorry to hear that maybe he might be sent to relieve at Wainright while Percy Ipalock is out to finish his schooling because I was hoping to get Rev and Mrs Youel to come here to Wales and carry on for me while I was planning to ask you to let me go out for only a few months in 1941, say if I could leave here after Christmas and then get back here before my years supplies etc would get here would be very good if you could see your way clear to have some one come and carry on for me; since I do not think it wise to leave the place without any one who is not capable of handling whatever may come up. And we have a hand in the Evangelistic Convention that is held yearly each spring when the Seward Peninsula Reindeer ^{Ant} holds its Spring meeting and said reindeer meeting is allotted to be

Sheet #2 for Dr King, May 7th, 1940.

held in Wales next April, so I must either go out this Fall and be back for to take charge of it all, or else if you do let me go Rev Youel and his wife need to be here to carry on, from about next January 10th, 1941. I only wish to go because I as Rev Youel says could be one to attend the General Assembly. and secondly that I would like to be here for the Eskimos Christmas season; since I could handle their activities and individual gifts easier than any one just coming in that is not acquainted with the people.

And I would like to know long enough ahead so that I can arrange my plans to accomplish as much as possible in the states in as little time as possible, is why I am writing this to you now. Rev. Youel and I talked over many things and I did enjoy his advice so much, we planned the new Manse, and the repair of the church and this summers work, and everything seemed to work out very well. But I hope you will not plan to make that new Manse until 1942 so I will be here in the early spring to get this old Manse wrecked and have the timbers ready to use in some parts of the new manse.

So you see that I wish to return to work again in Wales after I have a little time out in the states with my aged Foster father, who is wanting me to get home or at least let him have some idea when to expect me home for a few weeks.

Here I have talked a great deal and forgot to say a word about Rev Youel getting storm bound here; he got very tired of having to wait so long when he knew he had so much to do at Fairbanks; and I had given up all hopes of a Plane even the day he left for it was about 6 o'clock P M when it arrived away out toward Siberia on the ice in our Bay, just when we were ready to sit down to supper; we instead of eating had to rush out to the Plane for it was getting so near darkness that I knew the Pilot would not stop very long for to wait for us. And I do hope he found all well at home when he did get there.

Yes you are right; that sum of \$128.00 was to be deducted from my INCOME TAX report, and not from my salary.

And The Eskimo that was at the New York Fair last year got very disgusted with it; so he managed things so that he has arrived home to Wales on May the 6th; and seem very glad to be back where he can let his children loose to play without having to watch out for their being stolen or killed; I have never seen any Eskimo as happy to get home as this family seems to be.

As for the other sections of your letter of April 3rd. I believe Rev Youel will be writing you very soon about everything so I shall close now and not worry you any longer with my story.

Hoping all will work out as Rev Youel and I planned it for our repair work this summer etc etc, I beg to hear favorably from you at your convenience, and wish to remain

Sincerely yours in our Masters work

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
May ,13th,1940.

Dr. Everett B.King.
#156__5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Here I am with reports again;my how the time flies;it seems no time since I was making last months returns, which I believe are still in our Post Office,but eventually they will get to you.

We are having seige of heavy colds amongst the children;since the weather is warmer than usual they do play out doors most all the time in rain or shine and they call for medicine quite frequently,but no one has yet gotten seriously ill. But aside from this there is very little to do in the line of medical work. There are two aged folk whom I visit fequently but they are not bedfast at present. One is tubercular and the other is just very aged,but they may not be with us very much longer.

Yesterday was a fine day overhead and many of the men went out Walrus hunting in their skin boats which takes ten men for each boat;and I thought that I would not have any men for Sabbath School teachers;but as usual two of my Elders came for Teachers meeting;and they and I had all the Sabbath School except the very small children who are taught by an Eskimo girl,separate from all the other classes. And it did seem that every woman and child were out to S.S.

And in the evening the same state existed;as the Hunters had not returned from Behring Sea Straits;but there was a good attendance of those in the village. So I presume as time goes on and the hunting season gets nearer and game gets plentiful;likely it will be hard for the Native to stay at home on Sunday. But I have one Elder who never since I came here(I dont know if before on not) has been in the habit of going hunting etc on Sunday;and he has more and is morethrifty than any one else in the whole village;and he is the main standby for all church work;and anything else that amounts to anything. And you have no idea how much I appreciate this mans help and help him as much as I can in whatever way is possible. And I am wondering who will be capable of taking his place in the life work of the village when he is called into higher service. He has only one son.

Hope you may be able to sometime get to visit us while I am still here. Am anxious to hear what you can do about getting the Plot of Land I asked for set apart for our church and Manse ;at your convenience.

With best regards I am

Sincerely yours Emma M. Stauffer

May 16, 1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have your interesting letter dated March 18th. I hope by this time that Dr. Youel has made his visit with you, and that some of the questions that you have in your mind have been answered. I rather think that Dr. Youel can be of some real service to us, and particularly to you and to Miss Bannan.

I think in my other letter I asked you to send me your plans about coming out this next year. If I did not do so, will you please send me your state of mind about your plans for this next year.

Most cordially,

EBK:E

ALASKA

Wales. Alaska.
May. 16th. 1940.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr King;

After my experience of the last two days I feel it is my duty to ask you to have the Prints of the church Manse which Rev. Youel may have already sent to you ere this date; changed to correspond with the drawing of the main floor as I see now it would be best to have it. So I enclose drawing of it and hope I am not too late getting it to you ;or if you have turned the former one which Rev Youel has sent to you into the proper hands to execute it; please change it as it is a mistake the way I and Rev Youel made it.

Because my experience has been; that when the ^{landed} raft of people; 3 boat loads of them; from Diamede Island, in Wales the other day; they, some of them, in groups of eight or more would pile into my place at one time; and I had my hands full, to say the least; but they are all gone now; but I am still dealing with their TRADE MARKS that are so hard to get rid of; the kind that keeps one SCRATCHING day and night as long as they infest your cushions and chairs, etc etc.

So dear friend will you please make the new Manse LIVING ROOM and COUNCIL & LIBRARY ROOM in the places that I mark them on the enclosed sheet.; which shows some cupboards in the one part of the living room; which are always needed.

I want the location changed of the Council room; for several reasons; as I want it near to the kitchen, so I can have my Radio init and still be near to my everyday work;; and not in the faraway corner of the house; and have to trail through my living room to it for everything needed for letter writing etc; or to consult with some few folks for anything; I must have this little room near to my every day work and living place, then I want the dining room table in it, also the china closet, and I want the upper half of the door between the kitchen and this room; also the upper half of the door between this room and the living room made of good heavy grade plain glass to serve as a window and give light.

Hope this may not disturb everything too much; I shall be very grateful to you for adjusting things this way for me and thank you very much indeed. Am anxious to see what our next mail may bring; in the line of news as to this years supplies etc.

Gratefully yours Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales. Alaska.

June - 17th 1940

Dear Dr. King:

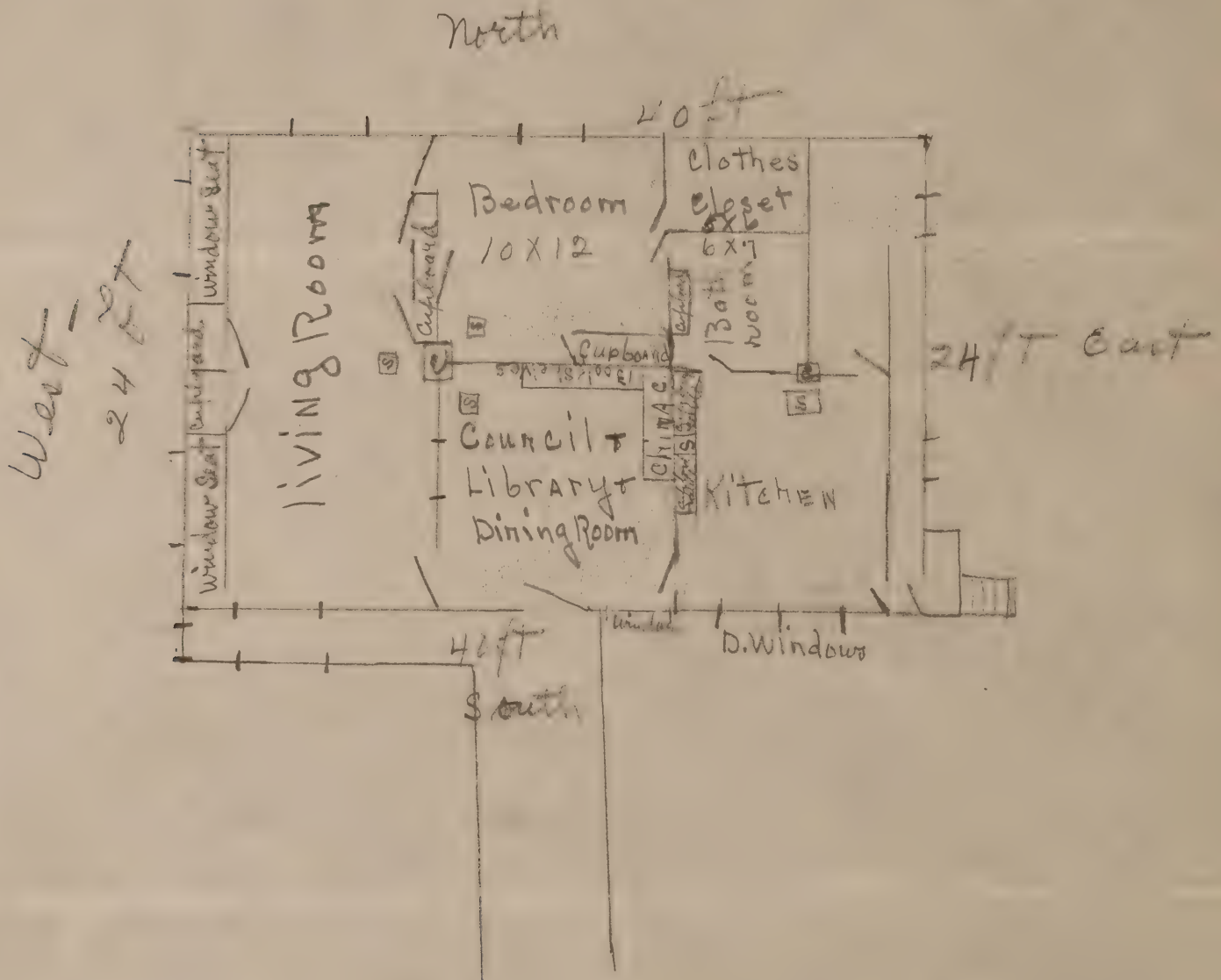
Will you please kindly send me a supply of
this kind of Expense Voucher at your early convenience.

Thank you.

Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales, Alaska. May-16th-1940.

Dear Dr. King this is the way I want the main floor of Wales' new
Mause - built interiorly as referred to in my letter of this date,
all the rest of it as Rev. Yaul has it -
Please and thank you.
Emma M. Stauffer.



June 12, 1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales
Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have your interesting letters and am delighted to hear from you and to know about the visit of Dr. Youel. He certainly had a busy time while visiting with you, and it looks as though the time was well worth while.

I note what you say about having Mr. and Mrs. Youel to supply for you during your absence. I am in perfect accord with this request, and you may count it a definite arrangement for him to take over the work as of January 10th, 1941, according to your suggestion. I am so writing to Dr. Youel today.

The plans for the Manse will be here when you arrive, and it will be well worth our time to sit down and discuss the details. We shall not endeavor to start any program until 1942, according to your suggestion.

I do hope that you will make plans to spend enough time in the States that you can rest and reclaim your spent energy, so that you may return for a greater service.

Cordially yours,

EMK:E

Copy to Dr. Youel

Wales. Alaska.
May. 21st, 1940.

Dr. Everett B King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

I am surprised to get your letter of May 6th, for we were not expecting any mail on Sabbath day; when a Plane just swooped down out of the clouds onto our beach, to leave a visitor to the village with us; and brought us mail also.

Am very glad to hear from you; but think that long ere this date the sheet of my 1940 order that you had given to Rev Youel will be both in your hands and on out to Mr. Gould; and on this sheet is the order for many, many of the supplies for this years work; as you likely know by now.

Also likely you will have my letters telling as to when and for how long I would like to be gone from Wales; and that I would like to have some one; preferably Rev. and Mrs. Youel come to relieve me while I am on leave.

"And I beg you to please, please not make me to stay out of Wales longer than I have asked for; because I do not want to lose my place here as Post Mistress; which I must do if I am out of the village for very long; and I do not wish to lose this as it would be hard to get it again; and its work; and income helps me to tolerate the monotony of this isolated location; and gives me an inlet of contact with the people that teaches them to obey government rules; no matter how strict they may seem, and deal honestly etc etc.

I am enclosing what is due the mission for the sale of the Hymn books and as I have only a few more left; may I ask you to please send to me some more say about 50; as we do not wish to change our song book and we need some now and then when people ask for them. Some men do not pay me the cash, but give credit on the Mission account at the store; and I allow this as it is easy for the men to pay it in Trade at the Store.

This is a wonderful day; but cold, much ice afloat in our Bay; and huge icebergs along the horizon; our shallow water keeps them out to SEA. One of my Ellers has just been in to talk over some unpleasant business affairs with our former school teachers; poor Eskimo; they think they should be able to TRUST the government employe; well I tried to warn this Elder some time ago but he did not listen; but this is a sample of why I dont want to leave my Eskimo without some one here; but I cannot tell all I know, but will trust that we can get finances still due the Eskimo, thro proper channels.

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

June 4, 1940

Answered

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Upon receipt of your letter of May 16 with the revised drawing of the main floor in the church manse, we immediately sent it to Mr. Gene C. Gould requesting him if possible to order the building materials in accordance with the revised drawing. We hope the request will reach him in time for him to ship the materials in accordance with your wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

HEW:DH

June 8, 1940

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Sales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Please entirely disregard our airmail letter of June 4 concerning the revised drawing of the main floor of the church manse.

Of course no materials will be sent up this year for the new manse.

Cordially yours,

HEW:DH

ALASKA

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Emma M Stauffer Wales. Alaska .

Church Thornton Memorial.

Date July. 15th, 1940.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr. King;

Beginning from January 1st for this report we can first relate our first experience of a New Years Candle Light service held in our church at 7 P M ; and regardless of the very stormy weather there was a fine attendance. This service was in form of a Prayer meeting.

Then after a few days rest from all the excitement of the holiday seasons activities; we began again our regular schedule of the childrens Bible classes which were held on each Saturday and consisted of three groups of different aged children ranging in age from 5 years to fourteen years. Besides each class period ;after class the children were permitted to play games and ball etc until time for the next set of children to assemble for their class, and playtime.

The most interesting part of these childrens bible classes was to note the progress from week to week the older children showed in their memory work and they worked so well that when it came time to get a Program especially for Easter Sabbath ready they had their class memory all finished and were ready to take part in Easter activities. And on Easter Sunday(which we use for our Children's Day) the children had a very fine entertainment program; and every little Tot who was large enough to join in singing was there to do their part; so that our Children's Day was nearly like Christmas time to the children.

But the Adult Boys Bible class had to be closed before Easter season since the spring weather had made it so that the long days were found to be keeping the boys often far from home at the scheduled time for their class. And the Adult girls class was closed on the last Sabbath in April, with almost a complete record of perfect attendance its members. This class met on Sabbath afternoons when we could not have the Young peoples song service held at that time.

We had looked forward to the visit of Rev Youel for a long time and were pleased to have him with us late in April this spring and during his time with us we had four new babies baptized; and 28 new members were added to our church membership roll, and we have all enjoyed the spiritual fellowship in our association with him during all the church meetings; and especially for our Sacramental services; as we can hold Communion services only when he can come to us.

Then shortly after Rev Youels visit the Spring season opened in reality; our shore ice was washed out to Sea; and our people went out hunting for their years supply of meat; and have only lately finished up that task and with less than their usual supply for next winters food. And many have gone away for work until we seem very few in town now. But we are thankful for the mercy of our Heavenly Father in maintaining the blessed civil peace we have; as compared to many sections of the world.

We thank the mission for its help and prayers for we do enjoy the privileges that be ours and the pleasure we have working for our Master anywhere.

Emma M. Stauffer.

Wales. Alaska.
July. 19th, 1940.

Dr Everett B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr King; *all*

I want to thank you for your letter of June 12th; as it is a comfort to me to know the Youels are to be here to carry on during my absence.

Now I have several things on my mind to ask you; so I may as well get them off my chest first; so here is the biggest one; to me it is; in the letter you sent of an account of your travels in Alaska; I note you say that Ptersberg Alaska is vacant; is it that there is no one available for there; shall I write some of my friends and find out if they are willing to take the place; what would be best; an ordained minister, or some one like we are here; and on St. Lawrence Island; please let me know what you have to say about me trying to get some one.

And the next thing that is vexing me is this; I am enjoying my oil stoves very much; but oh my the cost of the DRUMS to get that oil up here is very high; and it seems too bad to have all that money in junk oil drums piled out on the tundra for seemingly a half acre out back of the church; is it a waste of money; seems to me it is; and what shall we do about it; the sight of those empty drums vexes me very much; had we best go back to coal except for my cook stove; I can always burn the coal sacks; which does make heat as well as the coal (and I know the natives plague me to borrow coal, but I would have to handle that in just refusing to supply them as their fuel is free if not too lazy to gather it in); but I cannot burn the \$120.00 tied up in the empty oil DRUMS staring me in the face; always in sight. Please put your deep thinking cap on and consider this ere you answer it; The government school teachers are wanting to get oil burners installed in the school so I would like to have you really think this over; and maybe if you say it best we could sell the oil heaters to the government. Of course you yourself would have to make the sale of same to the Supt Claude R Hirst. Juneau, Alaska, early this summer before the teachers would send in their next years supply orders; which go in early in Autumn. I would like to keep the cook stove and if you can it seems best to me to sell the other stoves and let us go back to coal; and save \$120.00 each year on any kind of oil drum.

*For this year here supplies needed. Fuel oil
but already been shipped by Mr. King
to the school. It is very good.*

Then the next thing is that as the Diameders came over here for their Stores supplies; the school teacher from the govern't school over there came along; and they got storm bound here for a week or more; so I had a chance to talk over many things as in ordinary conversation; so I mentioned the mission planned building a new Manse in a year or two; and we talked over its construction; and when we had chatted a long while on the same; he tells me that the school at Diomedes is a two story building; the teachers living quarters on second floor; and the school rooms below in first floor.

But he tells me it is plain druggery to carry every bit of fuel, water, supplies etc etc up those stairs; even in winter to get snow for water it is spilled all the way up the stairway and he says if I want to have any degree of satisfaction in living; to ask the mission to rearrange the Blue prints and construct it all on one floor; all under one roof; with a good steep shingle roof; with a good sized attic the whole length of the building. And I am thinking too that he may be right

So I wish to say that if I may change the plans entirely that Rev Youel and I made when he was here; and I hope I can; that I shall make a sketch of what I would like to have it as all under one roof; on one floor, with the connection onto the church as we had planned it.

And another thing is this; I am also thinking that I could use the little folks Sabbath School room in the hall way of the church for their Bible class meetings; I see no reason why I cannot; then that would eliminate the possibility of having to hold any Sabbath School classes in the Manse (which are most annoying to say the least) at any time. Really I do not agree to having such classes in the manse any time; but some of my Predecessors began them; and now the people are so child minded that anything some one else did that please them must never be changed; and this why we are having to hold our prayer meeting always on Thursdays too. But if I don't make an extra room in the Manse then no missionary would ever be annoyed by having to hold a Sabbath school class there.

Slowly I want to get things around so that the missionary can take the whole of the primary classes into her own class since the Tots will not stay away from their older brothers etc; long enough for me to have a separate class as I would like to do; so eventually I hope to have all of one class and to hold it in the church entirely (that is the whole Sabbath school) in the church; and not as it now is with part there and the balance at the Manse.

And just one more item; am I at liberty to arrange my own route for going home; and do I receive any finances in advance from the board for the same; or do I carry it all until in the end I am reimbursed by the mission Board? And I see no reason for me staying out in the states very long; I know my own people all too well; and I have more rest and comfort right here in Wales than I can ever have in the states. My own father and mother have long since been called Home; and my foster father has his own son to look after him aside from what financial help I can and am giving him and my step foster mother; which I do from here; it is better for me to return to Wales; and this I plan to do. Is why I wish to make my own arrangements if I can; to go out, and return, as cheaply as is best for me. Hoping to hear from you I am Cordially yours

Emma M. Stauffer

August 15, 1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Your letter of July 19 has been received during Dr. King's absence from the office on a field trip. We shall bring it to his attention upon his return about September first. You will then hear from him.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. King

HEW:DH 44-38861-100

August 28, 1940

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I always thoroughly enjoy and appreciate your fine reports and interesting letters.

I think you are at liberty to arrange your own route going home. We will be glad to advance the necessary money if you will let us know so that a check can be forwarded to you in time.

Of course you must be the final judge about the length of time you remain in the States. While you are here, the Board will want to use you in some speaking engagements. Outside of that your time will be your own.

When you arrive in the States we will go into the matter you have suggested about the stoves and the plans for the new manse. Until we have had the opportunity of talking these things through, I think we had better not do anything.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

ALASKA

Wales. Alaska.
Sept. 17th, 1940

10/19/40

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.
N. Y.

Dear Dr. King;

Your letter of August 28th arrived yesterday and I am pleased to hear from you and thank you for your prompt reply.

Now I shall collect the schedules and fares etc the routes I wish to take to leave Alaska (which will be the shortest one I can find, as I want to get home quickly) then I shall give you an estimate of what I shall need in the line of finances; though it is not likely that I can give it all; that is; including expenses of stopovers, as hotel and meals enroute; but I hope what ever I am obliged to spend over the amount you may send to me; that I may be reimbursed for that sum at your convenience later on.

And I shall be glad to comply with your request to do some speaking for the Board; tho I confess I am not a fluent speaker; neither am I a linguist, and after being in the environment that I am in for the past 6 years I fear my mother tongue is not as free at command as it used to be; but anyway I shall do my best for you and be happy to do it.

Do you think it is worth the expense of getting a few Alaska made articles to take with me for to show the people and when I am done with them turn them into the Gift Shop in New York; some of our native things are very crude; and unattractive; and so many being of furs make it hard to keep them in a warm climate any length of time. Please advise me on this matter. As I must travel somewhat by Plane; and excess luggage is expensive; but I could take a few small things.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss things with you.

I am so glad that our native folks are getting home from their summer camping for berry gathering; and reindeer butchering; it makes life seem more worth the effort, when one has neighbors to help bear the burdens of the times.

I beg to remain

Your servant in the Master's service

Emma M. Stauffer.

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Emma M Stauffer.

Church Thornton Memorial Church. Wales. Alaska.

Date Oct. 14th, 1940.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dr. Everett B. King.

~~My dear Mr. King;~~

~~Now I~~ ^{will} wonder what I can tell you that ~~may~~ interest you, or your readers.

We do not have anything very ~~extra~~ exciting here, any time; but somehow we are always busy and always have something to do.

Many of our people have been away from town practically all summer; whole families move out to camp wherever they can find work; and other ~~whole~~ families go camping ~~for~~ to get out in the open landscape ^{country} where they are able to gather herbs, and also, cranberries, blackberries, and salmon berries, which they gather and pack inside seal skin pokes; bring home several pokes for each family to have for their herbs, and fresh fruit in the mid winter season. So many families went away at various times during the last three months that it was almost impossible to get enough together to hold services. ~~And we~~ discussed closing the mid week Prayer services until autumn;; but I was very thankful the discussion ended in our continuing Prayer service weekly; unless for some unforeseen reason it must be omitted. ~~And I am sure many congregations would be put to shame; if they could be able to see how faithfully~~ my people are ~~to~~ attend service during the midweek. Last Thursday (as we ~~do~~ hold our prayer service on Thursday from a custom begun when the mission work was started here, and I do not wish to change it) I was surprised at the number of folks at the service; for they had been out all day moving people home from the Tin Mines, which is very hard work, especially when the weather is cold north winds with snow that sticks to your clothes and freezes on them, and the sea is rough, and thus splashes water and wets your household things, and makes them hard to handle, or hold onto etc etc; but the service seemed like a "home coming to them" and they seemed just as happy to be home as I am to have them again with us. ^{W. A. S.}

And last Sabbath morning for Sabbath school; it seemed my church was like a ~~bee~~ hive;; just bubbling over with life and enthusiasm; and my Sabbath work seemed to carry with it this same spirit all day.

For in that my people had gotten home; ~~made~~ it possible, for me to begin my winter Bible classes; ~~for~~ the girls all came as cheery and gladly as if they were just entering their school for the winter.

~~But how long~~ ^{is} it is time to report again; Thanksgiving will have come around; and also Christmas, and we all enjoy these occasions as if we were one big family; even if we have nearly 200 Eskimo and only 3 white folks. Thanksgiving we always have special church services, ~~at~~ out 11 ~~at~~ A.M. and then our Thanksgiving Feast at 4 PM all together in the church; and for Christmas we do almost the same except that we try to have on Dec 24th an Entertainment program, which usually lasts 2 or 3 hours; as it makes no difference to the Eskimo how long it is, they ~~will~~ enjoy it to the very end. All these activities we hold in our church as it is the only building in town large enough to hold the whole population at one time.

~~And I wish to express my grateful appreciation for the boxes and packages I have received for the people here and very soon now I shall~~

Christmas letter
to donors
begin to ~~put~~ clothes into the numerous little "lots" of my classes and label them and get ready to tie up a parcel for each person in the village. ~~out of these boxes etc which you donors have so kindly sent to us here.~~ And to say we all enjoy your things, does not in the least reveal to you what a degree of happiness you have brought to these people. And I am only very sorry that you cannot come and be with us for Christmas, either by Radio, or in person, for it ~~is~~ you so much more good than any letter I can write you, just to see us as we really are.

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So I close my letter this time hoping you may all have a very ~~Happy~~ Thanks, ~~and~~ a very Merry Christmas; and trusting it may be the will of my heavenly Father to permit us to see each other face to face before it comes time for another report from my village.

I am

Emma M. Stauffer.

October 24, 1940

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

It is always a joy to receive a letter from you and to read of your interesting life and helpful service.

When you have estimated the money you will need in coming out of Alaska, let me know and we shall send you a check. Of course, if you are under in your estimate, we shall reimburse you for any difference.

I think it would be wise for you to bring in a few Alaskan-made articles. It would not be worth while for you to stock up too heavily and overtax your baggage capacity, but a few articles certainly would be most helpful and interesting.

May the Lord richly use and bless you in His service.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

Wales. Alaska.
Oct.29th,1940.

Dr.Everett B.King.
#156;5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

Well I finally have gotten up enough courage to make an attempt at responding to your call for applications for Life Insurance etc. I am really sorry I have put this off so long. But the truth of the matter is I am fearful to enter into such things;as they all seem too much like Conundrums for me to fathom.

Now I do not wish to give you the idea that I dont approve of life insurance;of course no one can have any insurance that will help him or her to live longer;but such things are only a means of saving something for whoever is left to rustle for their own existence after we have left them.

And while I am sending this paper on to you there are some few things on it that I just did not know how to answer ;especially # 7;and # 8.
#7;;is it that I take out a policy for\$1,000;and pay yearly to the Ministers Fund the Premium of \$28.73; Dividends,when?
#8 at present I cannot name any beneficiary;can this not be taken care of when I am out home in January or February 1941 ?,

I rather chose the Conference Plan as it ~~seems~~ ^{course} seems to not require any special medical examination; of not that I refuse to have such;but if there is anything wrong with me I do not know it;;nor am I anywhere near any higher medical authority;than myself to see if anything is wrong that would rule me out of being accepted by any life insurance company.

As the time draws near for me to be going out home I just seem to have too many things to do locally. But so many mission friends seem to know I am going home; and are after me to stop and call at their church etc;so I seem as if I shall be having a busy time;while home. I only hope I may get there ere something happens my aged foster father;;and I know he will try to keep me;but I wish it may be Gods will to return me to my work right here in Wales in the very early spring months. So expecting to write you later of more definite plans I beg to remain

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer

Wales. Alaska.
Nov., 1st, 1940.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Having failed to get any reply from the Airways in Nome that ply Planes between Nome and the Ports in southeastern Alaska where I could catch a Steamer for Seattle; I am thinking if I am not on the lookout I will be ready to leave here and not have a cent in my hand to go on.

I think the Airways Co. that carries the winter mail up this way is waiting to talk directly to me when they come here with the mail, instead of writing. But that will be too late for me to get word to you in time for you to get any check here for me to work on, and I don't wish to get stranded somewhere because of lack of the where with to get along my route. And our mail service here in winter is much more irregular (I call it hit and miss;) than in the summer; which is just bad enough, but better because we get it twice a month; while in winter mail comes only once a month, or as weather permits.

So I do wonder if you could send to me; by air mail as soon as you get this letter; oh say about \$300.00 in at least three separate checks; and I assure you what ever I do not have to use I shall return to you; as well as keep account also of my expenditures enroute home. I know this is asking a great deal, but it seems the only way to get hold of money to travel on.

Our Nov. mail should be here today, but I have no assurance that it will get here; besides the company have not inquired yet for weather conditions here, which proves they are not yet interested up this way.

Hoping to hear favorably from you I beg to remain

Gratefully yours

Euna M. Stauffer

November 13, 1940

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma M. Stauffer:
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Enclosed you will find three checks for \$100 each, totaling \$300 according to the request you have made in your letter of November 1. We shall, of course, expect you to give us an accounting of your expenditures after they have been made, en route home.

As soon as possible please let me know the exact time you will be here in the States and the length of time you expect to stay. I should like to give this information to our Promotional Department. I am leaving it up to you as to the length of time you will remain here in the States. I feel that you owe it to yourself to spend enough time to drink in plenty of sunshine for the long nights you go through.

We expect to have Mr. and Mrs. Youel in Wales during your absence. I shall appreciate your giving Mr. Youel, also, definite notice of the time you expect to leave Wales.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH
Enclosures 3

Wales. Alaska.
Nov. 22nd, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Dr. King;

Well I have waited to get done with putting on Celotex and etc and getting the coal stoves set up ere I took time to write you as when I have work going on; I must be right on the job when ever any man is here at work. The Steamship never got here to unload until late in October; and as soon as they people got all their things under cover out of the weather etc; I went about the town and listed the men I thought capable of doing this work and we began Monday II/4, and finished up II/14; and it does seem that at last we have gotten the wind shut out of our church; and we will save yearly on the fuel for use in it. Rev Youel has spoken to me about painting the boards while they were new; but it is not wise to do any painting late in the autumn; so not only this; but it was just opening Trapping season and the day after I finished in the church most every able bodied man took his traps and dog team and left for inland trapping; others left a day or so later; and none of them are home yet. But I plan to care for the painting myself; as the natives sure do make a smeary mess at it as I learned when I tried them before. While I have done so much of it in my life time that I enjoy it as a recreation;; in the summer time when most of my people are out of town.

Now I have checked over the local Stores Bill against the mission for everything since about this time last autumn and find it is correct according as I have given credit for Lighterage of supplies and labor and as I had some things left; and would have no use for them such as building paper and part of the sheet iron sheet; and some nails; so as I knew the people would borrow these things and never return them; I turned them in as credit onto the mission account at the store. So the bill as it stands now at the store against the mission is \$351.97.

And as our store was out of supplies for so long I had to let the people have flour; sugar; etc etc of my own things; so the amount that I have paid them out of my things is to the value of \$25.90, which if it suits you you may send along with my next salary check to me to have to use when out home, as I have as you noticed asked that my salary check be sent direct to me until my December check; please and thank you. But from December 30th, please send my salary checks to Mr Gould to deposit as he has always done. Later after I have gone out home; I may decide to open a bank account in Nome Alaska; but thus is not definite yet. I am also enclosing my own check to you for returns from sale of Hymnbook and some few things the people were wanting, that I had no use for at all to the amount of \$7.40.

Please send the check for mission bill made out to the "Wales Village Store" to me direct and I shall turn it over to the Store Manager. Please send this by AIRMAIL so it will be sure to get here in January mail; ere I leave here.

I expect to arrive in the states (if the weather dont be holding up my Plane travel) about Jan, 16, 23, or the 30th; as I say it is up to the weatherman to help get me along my ways. Trusting all may be acceptably done for you; if not let us settle it when I see you in N.Y. And many thanks for your help and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Wales people and myself as we are indeed gratefully yours

Sincerely yours
Emma M. Stauffer.

November 27, 1940

Miss Emma Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

I have today sent your application for insurance to the Presbyterian Ministers Fund.

I think you do not need to worry about the answers to questions 7 and 8. You have properly answered No. 7. Question 8, as to the beneficiary, can remain open and in case of your death the money would be paid to your estate.

I am glad you have taken out this insurance, for I feel it is very economical and will give you a certain amount of security that you are entitled to have.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

Wales. Alaska.
Dec, 2nd, 1940.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156 5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

I have just today received your letters of Oct 24th; and Nov. 13th; the latter containing the checks for which I thank you very kindly indeed; I was ashamed to ask for so much at one time; but since having asked for it; I have learned that it will take just about this two thirds of them to get me out to Seattle; counting hotel bills etc. Of course I don't think I'll have any such in Nome for some ladies that came to Alaska on the same ship I did in 1934 nearly scrap over which ones turn it to get hold of me; and they never do charge as much as hotels do.

However I shall keep an account and submit it to you when I reach New York or when you want it.

I have in this outgoing mail written to Rev Youel; and asked him to come over for our Christmas activities if he can; of course he knows to do what he can; as he knows what he has to do elsewhere ere he comes here; but I did tell him what boat I would like to catch etc; so if he gets here for Christmas it would give me a few days with them to help them get onto the mechanism of these fuel oil burners etc; until the mail plane would come in early in Jan. But I am not worrying about it; when he gets here and they seem settled then I shall be leaving, the only real difficulty is that we have trouble to get Planes to try to land at Wales; and in winter they simply don't like to come; is why I have asked Rev Youel to try to get here (invited him & her) for Christmas; then I could likely be sure to get picked up by the Plane on its regular Mail run (and not get stranded here) early in Jan, that would; if weather permits Flying; me to catch the Jan 10th boat out of Seward; and get to Seattle about Jan 13 or 20th. And if you think best he come and be here so I can do as I have attempted to explain herein; then send him a wire or do as you wish. I am in no hurry; only that my people write me that my foster father is failing very rapidly; but in no case do I plan to leave ere January mail plane to Wales.

If you could see me you would not think I needed much sunshine; for I look as ruddy as little David must have when Samuel chose him to be the future King of Israel.

When I reach Seattle I shall wire you; and while I make a visit to Morning Side Sanitarium to look after a boy from *Wales*

and write his father (one of my Elders; best one I have; Charter one) then you can notify the Seattle office of any places you wish me to stop on my way home across the states if necessary; but I would like to be home at least by Jan 27th, very much if it can be, of course if it cannot be that is alright too.

And I have just in this days mail received a letter from the Church that is now supporting me and likely I had best get around to them as soon as I can do so; since I am replying them that I am to be in Pa. early in Jan. 1941

And at present I plan to be back in Wales by the last of June or thereabouts; as this I shall definitely settle when I reach Seattle and see the Spring Schedule of Sailings to Alaska

Now I think I had best call this a days work as it is now almost midnight and get off to bed. I worked late because the mail plane tried to go from here to Shishmaref this afternoon and could not make it; but returned to Wales, and the Pilot is over at the school for the night and hopes to leave here tomorrow A M weather permitting of course; as soon as it is light enough to see to travel. But this has given us all a chance to reply to this mails letters, so we can work late and be glad of the chance to do so. Cant do it again for a whole month.

The weather is very stormy all day today and this is the second day of high winds too.

Just a word I was forgetting to mention that it seems we now will have a warm church as it has taken very little fire so far the Eskimo dont complain any more of the cold and ones fingers dont ache from cold as they play the organ like they used to do. So; many grateful thanks to you folks.

And dont let anyone persuade you that we have long nights in Wales very much of the winter; for our nights season is not very long compared to that of Barrow; even last Saturday the sun shone very clearly for nearly 6 hours. But in Jan, the days lengthen and winter gets colder too; but we fare very well here for sunshine.

I fear the Youels will get very tired of this place since they are used to a more active in civil life Metropolis; as there is no social life here for a socially minded white person; I have to furnish my own entertainment in works and amusements.

Most of our men are out of town now for Trapping and others will be leaving maybe in the morning to bring in the Herd of reindeer near to the village for butchering some for the village.

So thank you for the Christmas greeting from your office folks and wishing to see you for the next letter I am

Gratefully yours

Emma M. Stauffer.

December 13, 1940

AIRMAIL

Miss Emma Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

We have received the final accounting for the cost of supplies shipped to our missionaries in Alaska last summer. The total cost of your personal supplies, excluding freight charges, is \$189.99.

This will be deducted from your salary payments for the budget year beginning October 1, 1940, in equal monthly installments as has been our custom in the past. For your information we enclose a statement from our Treasurer's office showing how these deductions will be made.

With cordial good wishes and kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HEW:DH

Enclosure

cc- Miss Stauffer
c/o Mr. G.C. Gould
Seattle, Washington

ALASKA

Miss Emma M. Stauffer Checks made payable to the Pacific National Bank of Seattle, Seattle, Wash.

Charges re G.C.Gould

\$189.99

	Deductions made or to be made	Net Paid or to be paid	
Oct. 1940	\$15.83	\$59.17	Check mailed Oct. 18th, 1940
Nov,	15.83	59.17	(plus \$4.50 interpreter's Exp.
			\$63.67 check mailed Nov. 13, 1940)
Dec.	15.83	59.17	Check mailed Dec. 6, 1940
Jan. 1941	15.83	59.17	
Feb.	15.83	59.17	
March	15.84	59.16	
	<u>\$ 94.99</u>	<u>\$355.01</u>	

Totals \$450.00 as per grant
6 months from Oct. 1, 1940

This leaves \$95.00 to be deducted beginning April 1, 1941 *on 9c personal bill*

1.57K per form 1.5.41

December 18, 1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Care, Mr. Gene C. Gould
1204 American Bank Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Miss Stauffer:

Due to the difficulty we faced this past summer in securing transportation for our supplies to the North, we are asking that you have your requisition in this office by April 15, 1941.

With the added government activities in Alaska, the difficulties this summer may be increased. Therefore, in order to insure the shipment of the goods, please let me have your list not later than April 15.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

December 27, 1940

Miss Emma M. Stauffer
Wales, Alaska

Dear Miss Stauffer:

In accordance with your request of November 22nd, we are enclosing herewith our Treasurer's check for \$351.97 drawn to the order of the Wales Village Store, Wales, Alaska, to cover the amount which we owe the Store. Will you please have them give you a receipted bill which you can send to me for our Board's records.

Our Treasurer is also mailing a check for \$25.90 to be deposited to your account in the Pacific National Bank of Seattle, Seattle, Washington; thus, it will be available for your use while you are out on furlough.

Thank you for the check for \$7.40 in payment of the sale of hymn books etc.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and hoping you will have a safe and pleasant journey, I am

Cordially yours,

HEW:TTL

Wales. Alaska.
Dec. 27th, 1940.

Dr. Everett B. King.
#156--5th Ave.
New York.
N.Y.

Dear Dr. King;

Now I do suppose that you are all done with Christmas activities in New York and likely by now have received all my letters and are wondering why they have been so long reaching you.

Well anyway Rev. Youel did not get here; but it did not make any difference to us we just went right ahead with our plans and entertainments and really had a very fine and happy time together. But we did have an unusually fine entertainment this year as our teachers worked so co-operatively in everything and as we have always done (if teachers agree) give the program in our church; as the school rooms are too small to accomodate the whole village population in any one of them an cannot be made into one without wrecking a part of the building work., so our church has to answer many requirements for the village. We always hold the entertainment on Dec 24th (if it is not Sunday night) then we have church services in forenoon of Dec. 25th, then in the PM; we hold our Feast (whole village comes) after the feast time is closed; then the awards for the Winners of the Sports are given out; which takes at least an hour; after which we move the church seats out of the center of auditorium over to the two sides etc; and the men and boys entertain us with games that keep us still enjoying the occassion until the tiny babes and Tots get too sleepy and the parents decide they should take their families and go home for the night.

We were dissappointed that Rev Youel did not get here but I knew that he could not; because our mail plane was stormbound here for one week; then when it did get out of here : it only got south of us about 40 miles and had to make a forced landing; but we heard over our radios that the Pilot and his passenger were finally picked up by an overloaded plane; but our mail had to lay in the plane until such time as it could be gotten by another Pilot which we heard was some days later; but no one was hurt and the plane not wrecked; nor the mail burned up; and so, thankful we do be.

Lately our weather has been very fine; and I hope it keeps such as it is almost mail time again; and I suppose Rev. Youel will be coming soon also.

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

From Wales. Alaska.
Church Thornton Memorial Church.

Date December. ,27th,1940.

NOTE—This quarterly news letter is to be written in addition to all other reports. Use it for reporting the outstanding experience or experiences during the past three months in your church.

Dear Dr. King;

Now according to the quarterly dates at the head ing of this sheet I am not to send this letter until Jan. 15th,1941., but by that time if our plans can materialize for my going home I may be very busy and your letter would then likely be left for Rev. Youel to write;but since he was not here for either our Thanksgiving or Christmas activities;it seems best that I write this quarterly letter.

First in order is a special word of gratitude to you for the material for lining the church auditorium this summer; and for the stoves and coal. The ship bearing the lumber did not get to Wales(when the Sea was calm enough for to unload) until early in November;and by that time our men folks were getting ready to go setting traps;and also to get reindeer meat,if the reindeer Herd was located. But I made out a list of names of twelve men and went to each ones home and engaged him to come to work the next Monday morning in the church;so we began,and by Saturday night all of the auditorium was finished;and it would have been an inspiration to service for any outsider to see how these twelve men worked together all that week;and the next Monday AM other men began on the Sabbath School room and before that weeks prayer meeting day;we had it all done too. Now we have a nice warm church(with very little fire) and we also have a nice room for little Tots S.S.class in the church at one end of the large hallway;so that we hold their class in this room now instead of having to bring them over to the Manse; which has always been most inconvenient at the Manse;and very,very cold in winter season. So we all thank you very gratefully indeed.

Then after the work was done;the men rushed off after their Trapping etc;and got back in time for the Thanksgiving services and the Feast in the afternoon of that day. After this they left again for to round up the Reindeer Herd for the winters butchering;and most every able bodied man and youth was out of town until about two and some of them one day before Christmas. But we have just had a most happy Christmas time together;and even dear old Santa seemed reluctant to leave us;but he said he was a busy man and must hurry on his way. On Dec.24th, our people always have a full day of Sports races,on foot;and skis; dog sleds;even the women compete in driving the dog teams, then after they have done with this;it is time for the Christmas entertainment at the church; and we surely did have a fine this year;I shall enclose a copy of our Program;its not all on it;as we cannot get words to express the pleasure we get out of receiving the the numerous and sundry articles(done up in pkges) mission Donators have sent to me for the people during the summer months and which I divide out so each person gets something in the line of a gift at Xmas.

As for the religious activities of our church these go on as a usual routine;and are well attended considering that so often we are very few in number of those who patronize their church outside of the special occassions.

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

DEC. 24, 1940

WALKS

DRAMATIZATION	SILENT NIGHT	ADULT GIRLS' BIBLE CL.
READING	THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS	ERNEST
READING	THE FIRST CHRISTMAS EVE	AMY
SONG	GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN	AUDIENCE
RECITATION	WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?	MARGARET S.
SONG	S. S. CLASS	LITTLE FOLKS
SONG	SANTA CLAUS LAND	PRIMARY ROOM
QUARTETTE		MEN
RECITATION	CHRISTMAS STARS	EMMA
RECITATION	CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART	JONA
RECITATION & SONG	A MERRY XMAS**HURRAH FOR "XMAS"	BEGINNERS & FIRST GRD.
# 244	MIXED VOICES <i>"Peace on Earth"</i>	EIGHT PERSONS
RECITATION	FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF ALL	TEDDY
SONG	WE WENT TO THE ANIMAL FAIR	SMALL BOYS' BIBLE CL.
DIALOG	"A CHRISTMAS JOKE "	FOUR BOYS
# 217	LADIES QUARTETTE <i>"The Holiest name"</i>	
RECITATION	LITTLE FAIRY SNOWFLAKES	GLENN
ACROSTIC	C H R I S T M A S	GRDS. I & 2 BOYS
RECITATION	AN OLD SONG OF CHRISTMAS	JAMES
SONG	'TIS SHINING STILL	CHOIR
RECITATION	CHRISTMAS WISHES	SECOND GRD. GIRLS
SONG	I'LL BE A SUNBEAM	JR. & LITTLE GIRLS' B. CL.
DIALOG	SO DIFFERENT	CECELIA AND FAYE
RECITATION	A LADY SANTA CLAUS	FLORA
RECITATION	SING A SONG OF SANTA CLAUS	EVELYN
SONG	NATIVE TONGUE (TRANSLATED)	KATIE, ANNA, ADELLE, ROSIE
RECITATION	THE SAME DEAR OLD SANTA CLAUS	THIRD GRADE
SONG	JESUS' BIRTHDAY	JR. GIRLS' BIBLE CL.
SONG	UP ON THE HOUSE TOP	PRIMARY ROOM
SONG	NOWELL	CHOIR
STRING MUSIC	<i>Silent night. 'Tis shining still.</i>	<i>6 - men & boys.</i>
DIALOG	A PRESENT FOR JOY	OLDER PUPILS
DOXOLOGY	<i>Santa Claus - Comes & helps give out gifts etc</i>	AUDIENCE